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Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi speaks at the Council for Foreign Relations on Park Avenue in New York City on Monday, October 1, 2012. Ali Akbar Salehi is the current Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran (2010-present) and former Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (2009-2010). (AP Photo/John Minchillo)



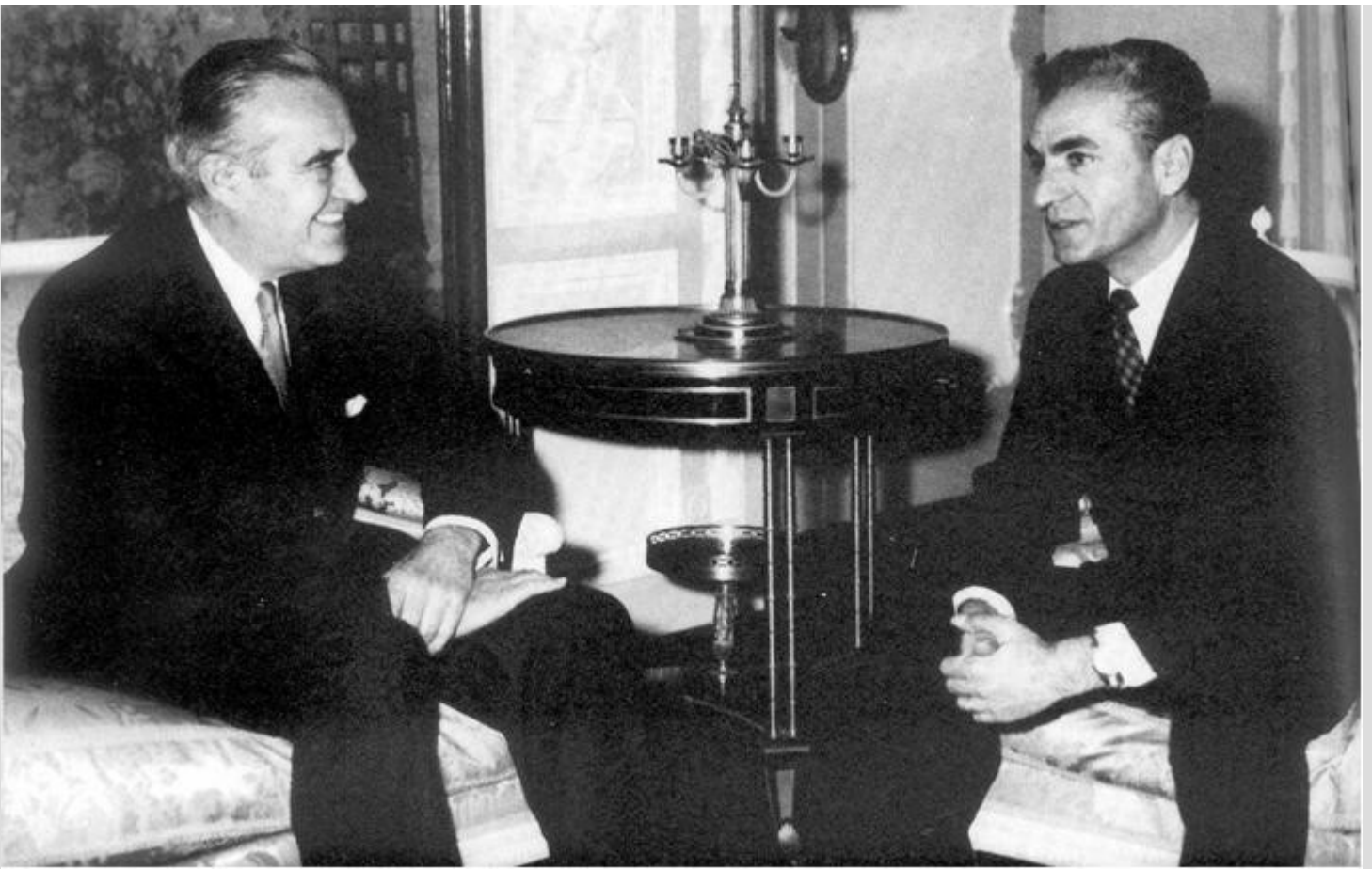
Former President of Iran Mohammad Khatami (left) and U.S. Senator John F. Kerry (right) take the stage for a discussion on "The Future of the Middle East" at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on January 27, 2007. John F. Kerry is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([AP Photo/Virginia Mayo](#))



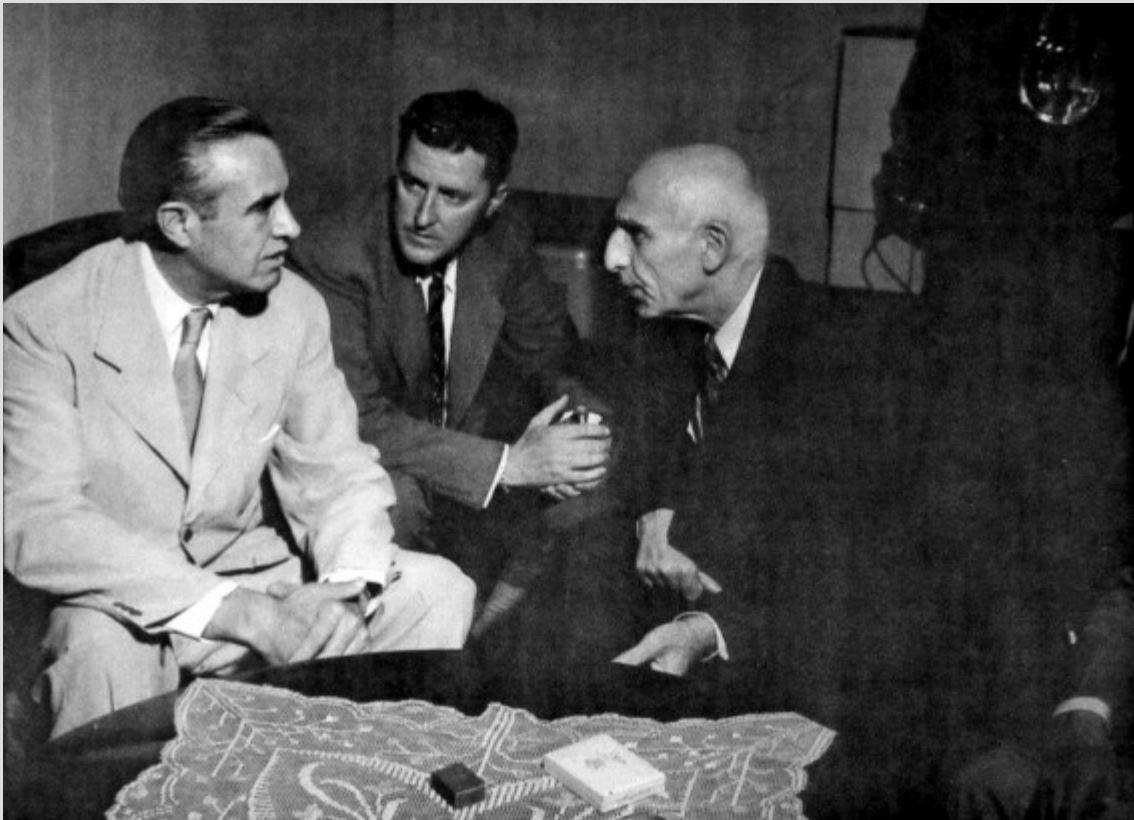
John H. Coatsworth (left), Dean of School of International Affairs at Columbia University, shakes hands with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after speaking at Columbia University in New York City on September 24, 2007. John H. Coatsworth is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Getty Images)



ABC News journalist Diane Sawyer (right), a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has an exclusive interview with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran, Iran on February 12, 2007. (Photo by ABC News via Getty Images)



Averell Harriman visits the Shah of Iran. Averell Harriman was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations for 63 years and a member of Skull & Bones at Yale University.



Averell Harriman (left) speaks to Prime Minister of Iran Mohammed Mossadegh on July 28, 1951. Mohammed Mossadegh was overthrown from office in a coup supported by the CIA in 1953; Allen Dulles was the CIA director and a director of the Council on Foreign Relations at the time of the coup. Allen Dulles was a Director of the Council on Foreign relations from 1927 to 1969 and a CIA director from 1953 to 1961. Mohammed Mossadegh was elected by the people of Iran to serve as Prime Minister of Iran.



Council on Foreign Relations member Ernest A. Gross shakes hands with Prime Minister of Iran Mohammad Mossadegh in October 1951.



Secretary of State Dean Acheson (left) smiles as he listens to Prime Minister of Iran Mohammed Mossadegh.

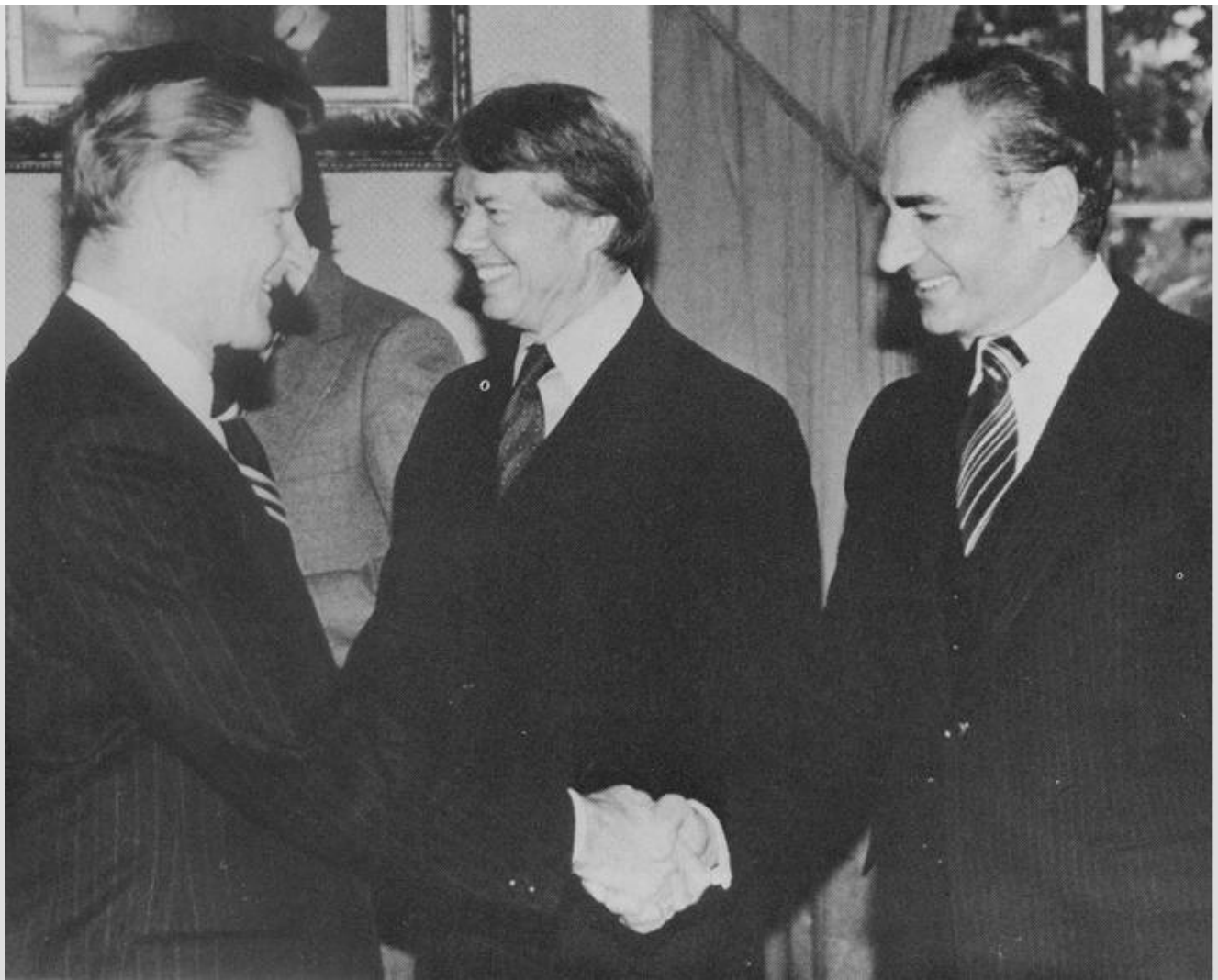
Audience with Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shahanshah of Iran, at the time of the coronation, Teheran, October 1967.



George W. Ball meets with the Shah of Iran in October 1967. This photo appears in George W. Ball's book *The Past Has Another Pattern: Memoirs*.



President Dwight Eisenhower meets with the Shah of Iran on December 13, 1954. The Shah of Iran used the Savak, the Iranian secret police, to terrorize the Iranian people and to eliminate political dissent and freedom of speech.



President Jimmy Carter smiles as National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski shakes hands with Shah Reza Pahlavi in Washington D.C. in November 1977.



Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran, is greeted by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (left) and Vice President Richard Nixon (center) as he arrived at Washington Airport on June 30, 1958 for a three-day visit. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger (wearing glasses), Secretary of State William P. Rogers (right), and Assistant Secretary of State Joe Sisco (rear, third from right) watch President Richard Nixon shake hands with the Shah of Iran at the White House on October 23, 1969. (Wally McNamee/CORBIS)



U.S. Army General Maxwell D. Taylor visits the Shah of Iran (Mohammad Reza Pahlavi).
(Photo: *Swords and Plowshares* by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor (1972))



The Shah of Iran (left) meets with (left to right) Alfred Atherton (Assistant Secretary of State for Near-Eastern and South Asian Affairs), U.S. Ambassador to Iran William H. Sullivan, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, President Jimmy Carter, and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski in 1977. All five men on the right are or were members of the Council on Foreign Relations.



President Jimmy Carter attends a meeting with the Shah of Iran on November 15, 1977. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski sits on Carter's left and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance sits on Carter's right.



President Jimmy Carter listens to the Shah of Iran on November 15, 1977.



Left photo: President Gerald Ford meets with Shah of Iran at the White House on May 15, 1975. (Photo: Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library)
Right photo: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger speaks to Ambassador Ardeshtir Zahedi and the Shah of Iran on July 24, 1973.



President Jimmy Carter toasts the Shah following a formal dinner in the Niavaran Palace in Tehran, Iran on December 31, 1978. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



Left to right: The Shah of Iran, President Jimmy Carter, Shanbanou, and First Lady Rosalyn Carter appear at the State Dinner in Washington, D.C. on December 31, 1977. (Photo: Jimmy Carter Library)



U.S. Ambassador to Iran Richard Helms presents the Shah of Iran his credentials at the Shah's palace in Tehran in 1973. (Source: *A Look Over My Shoulder: A Life in the Central Intelligence Agency* by Richard Helms with William Hood)



President Richard Nixon speaks to the Shah of Iran (left) in the Oval Office on July 24, 1973.



Left photo: CFR Chairman Russell C. Leffingwell (left) and CFR President Allen Dulles (right) appear with the Shah of Iran at the Harold Pratt House. (Source: *Continuing the Inquiry: The Council on Foreign Relations from 1921 to 1996* by Peter Grose, page 24)



Right photo: Senator John F. Kerry (left) meets with former President of Iran Mohammad Khatami at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on January 27, 2007. ([AP Photo via Fox News](#))

Council on Foreign Relations & Saudi Arabia



Vice President Dick Cheney meets with newly crowned King Abdullah during a retreat at King Abdullah's Farm in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Friday, August 5, 2005, following the death of his half-brother King Fahd, who passed away August 1, 2005. ([White House photo by David Bohrer](#))



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice talks to King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia on February 23, 2006. (Photo: Saudi Arabian Embassy to the U.S.)



President George Bush and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia are seen laughing inside the Royal Palace in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on November 21, 1990, less than two months before the beginning of the Persian Gulf War.
(Photo: [George Bush Presidential Library](#))



Winston Lord greets Prince Saud al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia at the Harold Pratt House. Winston Lord is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of Skull & Bones. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



President Franklin D. Roosevelt meets with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia on board USS Quincy (CA-71) in the Great Bitter Lake, Egypt, on February 14, 1945. King Ibn Saud is speaking to the interpreter Colonel William A. Eddy, USMC (the man kneeling in front of the King). Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, USN, the President's Aide and Chief of Staff, is at left. William A. Eddy was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Minister to Saudi Arabia from 1944 to 1946.



Wall Street Journal publisher Karen Elliott House (right) listens as Turki Al-Faisal, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States, talk to members of the Council on Foreign Relations at the Harold Pratt House in New York City on February 13, 2006. (Photo: [Council on Foreign Relations](http://www.cfr.org))



Saudi Prince Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz (left) shares a laugh with Washington, D.C. attorney and former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson during a Saudi Arabian party in 1947. (Photo: Thomas D. McAvoy/Time Life)



President Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (center), and Crown Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia (right) smile for the camera at the White House in Washington, D.C. on September 23, 1957. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



President Dwight Eisenhower (left), King Saud of Saudi Arabia (center), and Vice President Richard Nixon smile for the camera at a party held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. on February 1, 1957. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles meets with Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia in September 1957.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger shakes hands with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh in February 1975. Prince Fahd (later King Fahd) is standing in the background.



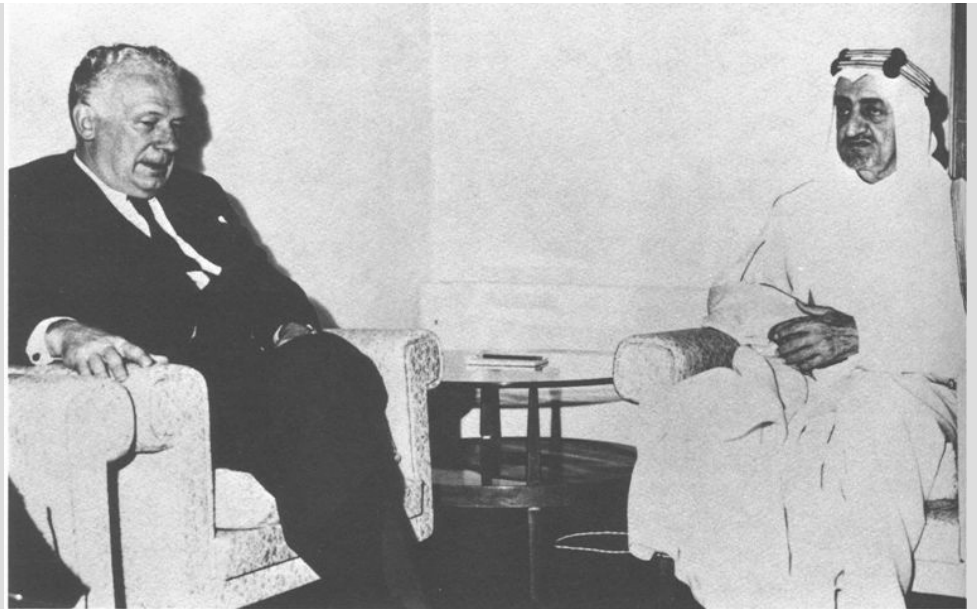
Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Prince Saud al-Faisal share a drink during their meeting in Saudi Arabia on September 3, 1975. This photo was published in Henry Kissinger's book *Years of Renewal: The Concluding Volume of His Memoirs*.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger speaks to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal in Taif, Saudi Arabia on September 2, 1975.



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meets with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in February 1975. This photo was published in Henry Kissinger's book *Years of Renewal: The Concluding Volume of His Memoirs*. (USIS Photo)



With King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, 1968.

Left photo: George W. Ball invites Prince Saud al-Faisal to a party at the Harold Pratt House in New York City.
(Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)

Right photo: This photo appears in George W. Ball's book *The Past Has Another Pattern: Memoirs*.



Left photo: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (center) watches President Richard Nixon (left) shakes hands with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on June 14, 1974. (Photo by Wally McNamee/CORBIS)



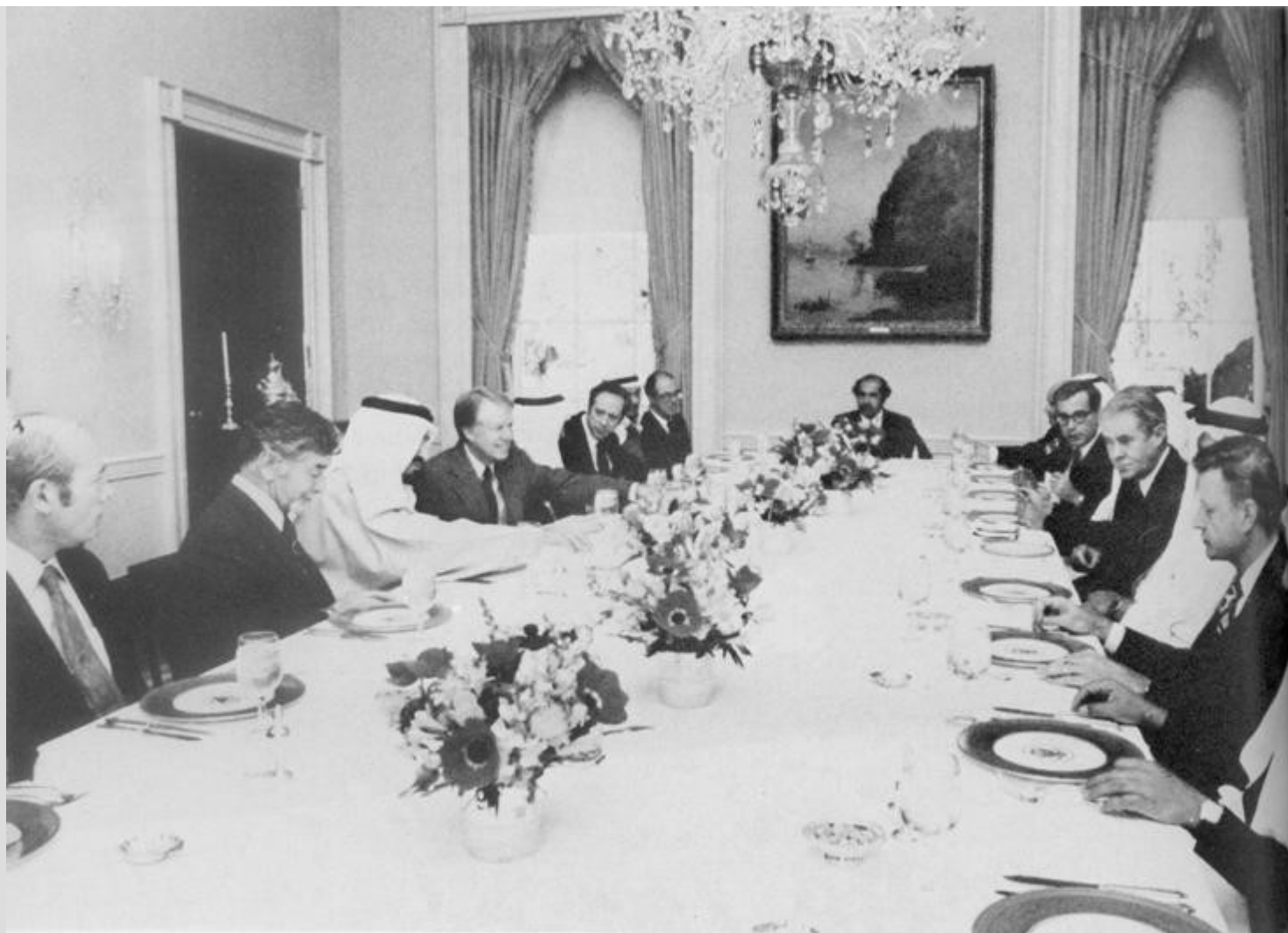
Right photo: President Richard Nixon shows Prince Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz Saud, Saudi Arabian Minister of the Interior, around the White House Rose Garden on June 6, 1972. The Prince is here for high level discussion on ways to increase cooperation between his country and the United States. At left is Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



President Jimmy Carter walks with King Khalid of Saudi Arabia on October 27, 1978.



U.S. President Jimmy Carter talks with Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia (later King Fahd of Saudi Arabia) and one of his ministers at the White House in Washington D.C. in circa 1977-1980. (Photo: © CORBIS)



Presidential working luncheon for King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, October 1978. The Americans are (clockwise) Atherton, a translator, the President, Blumenthal, Saunders, Ambassador West, Brown, Vance, Brzezinski

Alfred L. Atherton Jr., President Jimmy Carter, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, Harold Saunders, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski are (or were) members of the Council on Foreign Relations. This photo appears in Zbigniew Brzezinski's book *Power and Principle*.



Left photo: King Fahd welcomes President Bill Clinton to Saudi Arabia in October 1994.

Center and right photo: President Bill Clinton is seen walking with King Fahd (center) and Crown Prince Abdullah (right).



AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

King Fahd ibn Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia—greeted by Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz during a visit to Washington in February 1986, when Fahd informed President Reagan that he was making a contribution of \$24 million to the contras

Vice President George H.W. Bush watches King Fahd of Saudi Arabia shake hands with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. George Shultz is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Secretary of State James A. Baker III talks to Prince Bandar, State Department interpreter Gemal Helal, and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. This photo appears in James A. Baker III's book *The Politics of Diplomacy*. (AP/Wide World)



President George Bush meets with Saudi Prince Saud, Saudi Prince Bandar, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, John Sununu, Robert Gates, and Richard N. Haass on the patio at Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, Maine on August 16, 1990. Baker, Gates, and Haass are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: George Bush Presidential Library)



Vice President Cheney, Saudi Arabia Ambassador Prince Bandar, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and President Bush meet on the White House Truman Balcony several days after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "If we get somebody and we can't get them to cooperate, we'll hand them over to you," Bush told Bandar of his plans for handling possible terrorist suspects.

Dick Cheney and Condoleezza Rice are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.



President George Bush meets with Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar in the Oval Office on February 28, 1991. George Bush is a former Council on Foreign Relations member. (Photo: George Bush Presidential Library)



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright stands beside Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. (Photo: Department of State)



Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin (left) meets with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdallah at Blair House in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 1998. (Paul J. Richards/AFP/Getty Images)



Visit of Prince Sultan MOD and aviation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
February 26, 1997

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is seen walking with Saudi Prince Saud al-Faisal (left) and Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Bandar (second from left) on February 26, 1997. (Photo: [William S. Cohen Papers at University of Maine](#))



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen (left) walks with Crown Prince Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud (right) following their meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on November 3, 1998. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud walk to the meeting room at the king's hunting lodge in Saudi Arabia on January 17, 2007. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Senator Chuck Hagel (left) visits King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.



Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (left) escorts Prince Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz (right), the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the U.S., into the Pentagon for a meeting on February 5, 2001.
(Photo by R. D. Ward, U.S. Department of Defense)



Left: Former presidents Gerald Ford (left) and Jimmy Carter (right) visit King Fahd.
Right: Vice President Dick Cheney visits King Fahd in Jeddah in March 2002.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal at the King Abdul-aziz International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on October 2, 2006. (Photo: [Josie Duckett, State Department](#))



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (left) and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (2nd from left) attend a meeting with King of Saudi Arabia Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on July 31, 2007. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Vice President Dick Cheney walks with newly crowned King Abdullah, former President George H.W. Bush, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell during a retreat at King Abdullah's Farm in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Friday, August 5, 2005, following the death of Abdullah's half-brother King Fahd, who passed away on August 1, 2005. Cheney and Powell are members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR); Bush is a former CFR member. ([White House photo by David Bohrer](#))



Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah (L) welcomes World Bank President Robert Zoellick at the Royal Palace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on April 30, 2008. ([Reuters](#))



Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah (R) meets World Bank President Robert Zoellick at the Royal Palace in Riyadh on April 30, 2008. ([Reuters](#))



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter greets Saudi King Abdullah at the royal palace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on April 19, 2008. (AP Photo)



In this photo released by Saudi Press Agency, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, right, welcomes U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, Commander of U.S. Central Command, upon his arrival at Rawdat Khurayim camp outside Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on February 16, 2010. (AP Photo) <http://www.daylife.com/photo/06zRdnKd8k1Aj?q=david+petraeus>

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President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak delivers a luncheon speech to the general meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on March 5, 2002. (Paul J. Richards/AFP/Getty Images)



World Bank President James Wolfensohn (left) meets with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt on October 10, 2004.



Ike the diplomat in an animated session with United Arab Republic President Nasser in New York City on September 26, 1960.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sits beside Egypt's strongman Gamal Abdul Nasser in New York City on September 26, 1960.



Henry Luce, the Editor-in-Chief of Time magazine, talks to Egypt's strongman Gamal Abdel Nasser. Henry Luce was the founder of Time and Life magazines, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of Skull & Bones.



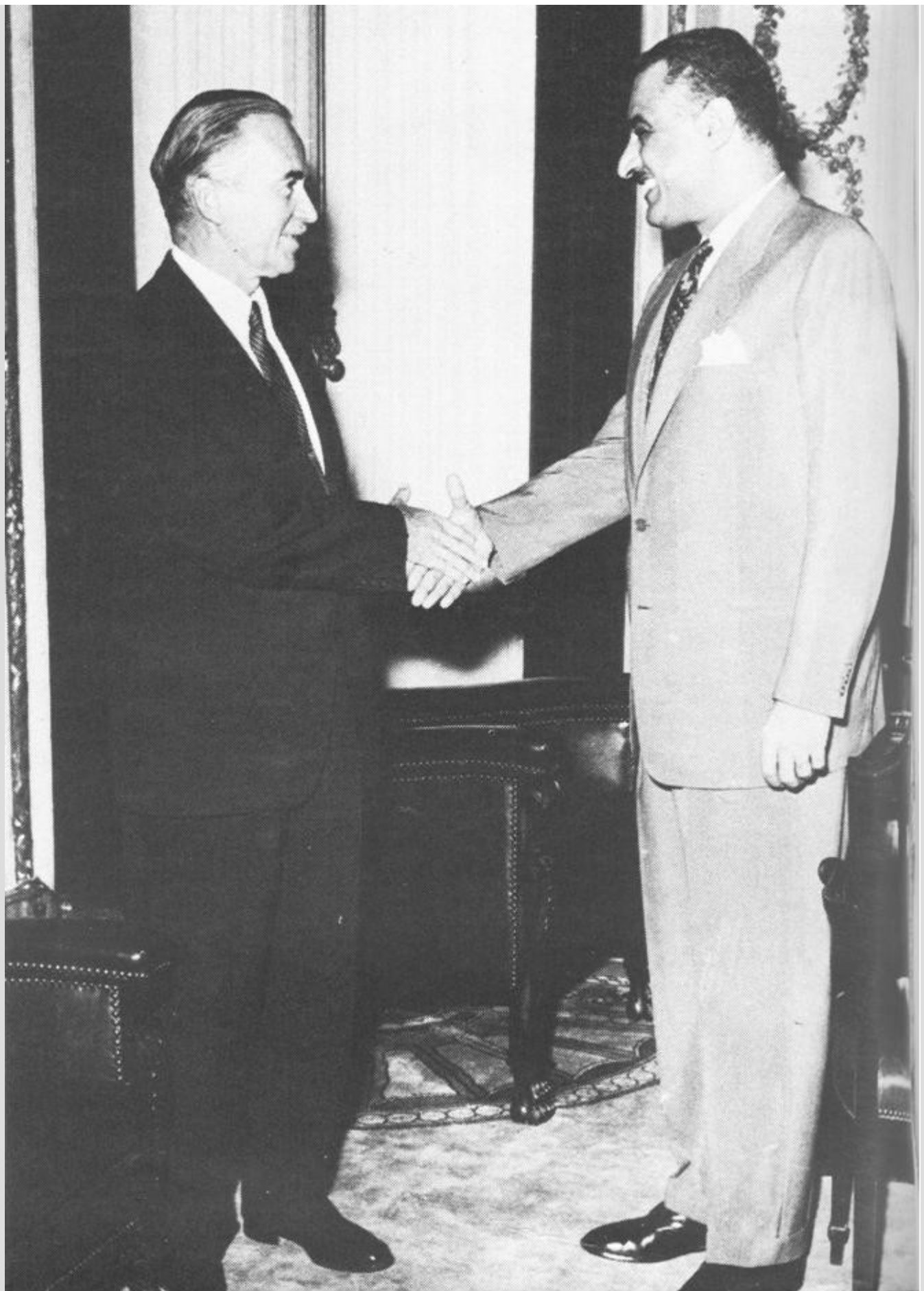
Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen (left) and U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Henry A. Byroade (right) stand beside Egyptian strongman Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo, Egypt. George V. Allen and Henry A. Byroade were members of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Ralph Bunche (left) visits Egypt's leader Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo, Egypt in March 1957.



Edward Murrow interviews Egypt's leader Gamal Abdel Nasser. This photo was published in the book *Prime Time: The Life of Edward R. Murrow* by Alexander Kendrick.



U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Raymond Hare (left), a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, greets Egypt's leader Gamal Abdel Nasser.



Donald Rumsfeld (center) watches former Chase Manhattan Bank chairman John McCloy (left) greet Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in Egypt during Gamal Abdul Nasser's funeral.

(Photo: <http://hussainabduhussain.blogspot.com/2011/02/book-review-known-and-unknown-by-donald.html>)



U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance welcomes Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and members of his party upon their arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland in January 1980.



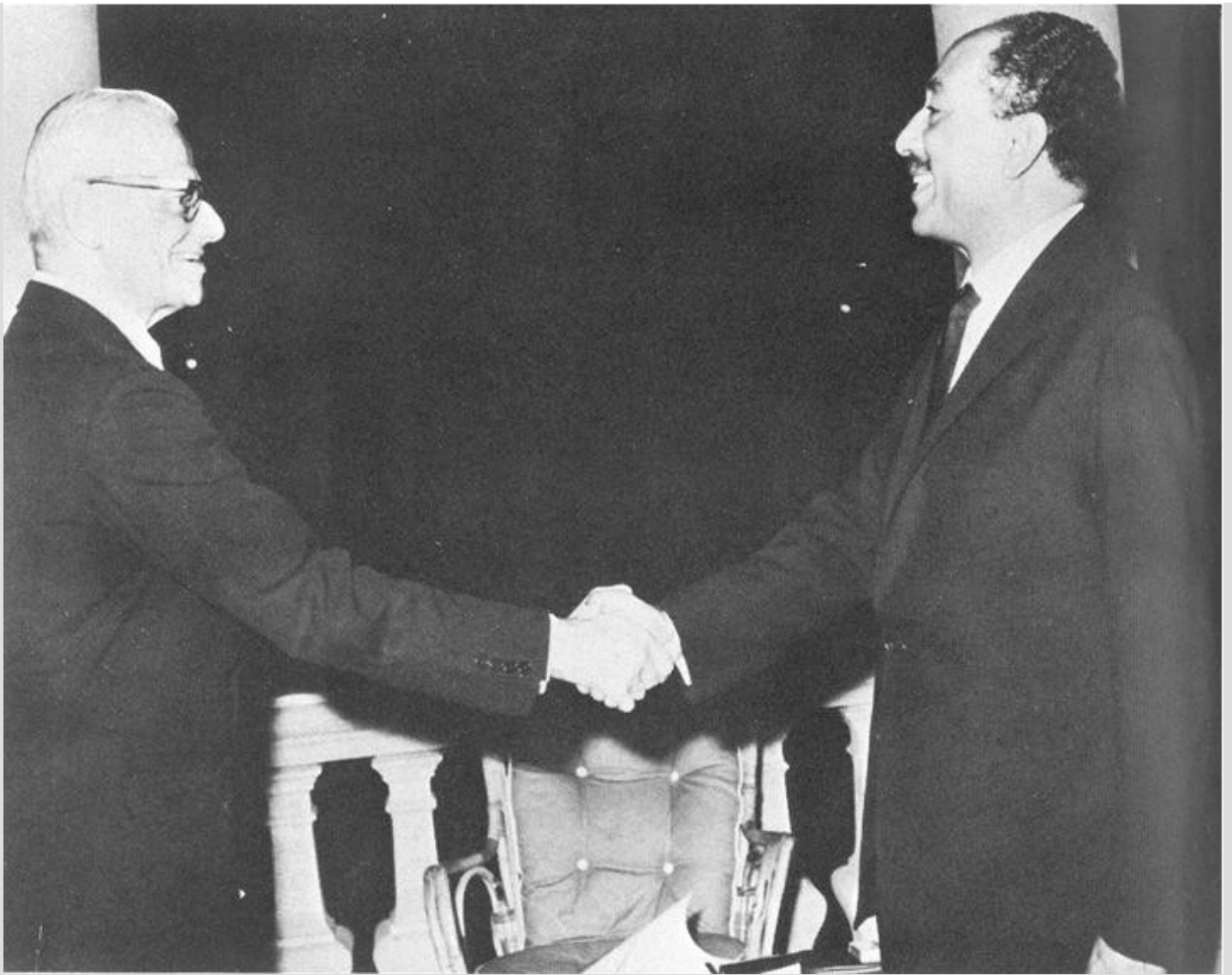
U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (left) and President of Egypt Anwar Al Sadat laugh together at a press conference in Cairo, Egypt on February 17, 1977. (Claude Salhani/Sygma/Corbis)



U.S. President Jimmy Carter talks to Egypt's President Anwar Sadat at Camp David, Maryland in September 1978. (Photo: Jimmy Carter Library) http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org/documents/campdavid25/campdavid25_photos.phtml



Diplomatic meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, President of Egypt Anwar al Sadat and Vice President Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy in Alexandria, Egypt on August 22, 1975. (Claude Salhani/Sygma/Corbis)



New York Times journalist C.L. Sulzberger shakes hands with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat on October 19, 1970.
(Source: *An Age of Mediocrity* by C.L. Sulzberger)



Left photo: U.S. Senator Charles Percy visits Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in Cairo, Egypt.



Right photo: President Jimmy Carter embraces Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.



U.S. Senator Jacob Javits chats with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in 1976.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meets with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in November 1973.



U.S. President Ronald Reagan meets with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat at the White House on August 5, 1981. From left to right: Edwin Meese III, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Vice President George Bush, Ronald Reagan, U.S. Secretary of State Al Haig, unknown, Richard V. Allen, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, Anwar Sadat, and unknown. Bush, Haig, Weinberger, and Allen are (or was) members of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger celebrates with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.



January 18, 1974: Being embraced by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, after both Egypt and Israel had separately signed an agreement on the disengagement of their forces along the Suez Canal — the first diplomatic breakthrough between the two countries in a quarter of a century. “You are not only my friend,” said Sadat. “You are my brother.” At Aswan.

Henry Kissinger embraces Anwar Sadat. This photo was published in the book *Kissinger* by Marvin Kalb and Bernard Kalb.



U.S. envoy Robert S. Strauss (R) chats with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in August 1979.
(Photo by Sahm Doherty//Time Life Pictures/Getty Images)



David Rockefeller, the Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, escorts Egypt's President Anwar Sadat through the doorway of the Harold Pratt House in 1981, prior to Sadat's assassination.

(Source: *Continuing the Inquiry: The Council on Foreign Relations from 1921 to 1996* by Peter Grose, page 56)



President Bill Clinton (left) and Secretary of State Warren Christopher (second from right) watch Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (second from left) shake hands with Middle East envoy Dennis Ross at Sharm al-Sheikh, Egypt in 1996.

(Photo: *The Missing Peace* by Dennis Ross)



Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (R) meets with U.S. Senator Gary Hart to review Middle East peace moves in Cairo, Egypt in this July 5, 1986 file photo. (REUTERS/Khaled/Files)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger (L) speaks with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak during a one-hour meeting at the Presidential Palace in Cairo, Egypt in this September 28, 1987 file photo. (REUTERS/Aladin Abdel Naby/Files)



President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak looks at American civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson while greeting him at the start of a meeting in Cairo, Egypt in this July 7, 1989 file photo. (REUTERS/Cheryl Hatch)



Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (R) and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz embrace before starting their talks on middle east peace moves and the Gulf war in Cairo, Egypt in this October 19, 1989 (?) file photo. (REUTERS/Aladin Abdel Naby/Files)



the office of Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Ittihadiyya Palace, Cairo, June 7, 1988.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz talks to Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Egypt on June 7, 1988.
(Photo: *Turmoil and Triumph: My Years As Secretary of State* by George P. Shultz)



President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak (L) laughs with U.S. President Bill Clinton during a joint press statement at the White House in this July 1,1999 file photograph. (REUTERS/Larry Downing/Files)



Secretary of State James A. Baker III visits Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Egypt on July 22, 1992. (Frédéric Neema/Sygma/Corbis)



America's President Bill Clinton, right, meets with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (left) at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on July 1, 1999. Mubarak, Clinton's top adviser in the Arab world on the peace process, was in Washington trying to achieve progress on a comprehensive Arab-Israeli agreement. (Photo by Gerald Martineau/The Washington Post)



President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak (R) is greeted by World Bank President James Wolfensohn during a meeting at the Blair House in Washington D.C. on March 27, 2000. Mubarak was in Washington D.C. during a four-day official visit to the U.S. where he was scheduled to meet with U.S. President Bill Clinton. ([Getty Images](#))



President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak meets in Cairo, Egypt on March 11, 1999 with U.S. Secretary of Defence William Cohen. Cohen announced an approval for an arms deal of 3.2 billion dollars in sophisticated fighter jets, tanks and Patriot anti-missile system for Egypt. (Getty Images)



President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak (R) meets with U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen at Blair House in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 1999. Mubarak was on an official visit to the U.S. to discuss Middle East peace. (Getty Images)



Egyptian Defense Minister Field Marshal Mohammed Hussein Tantawi (R) receives U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen in Cairo, Egypt on October 21, 1999. Cohen, who was on a 10-day regional tour, is scheduled to meet Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and observe a major British-led war games exercise involving more than 70,000 troops from nearly a dozen countries near the Mediterranean port of Alexandria on October 22, 1999. William S. Cohen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (C) meets with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (R) and Egypt's Minister of Defense Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi (L) in Cairo, Egypt on October 4, 2001. Prior to Egypt Rumsfeld had visited Saudi Arabia and Oman. On Friday he continues on to Uzbekistan to get support for U.S. military action against terrorism. Donald Rumsfeld is a former member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Life)

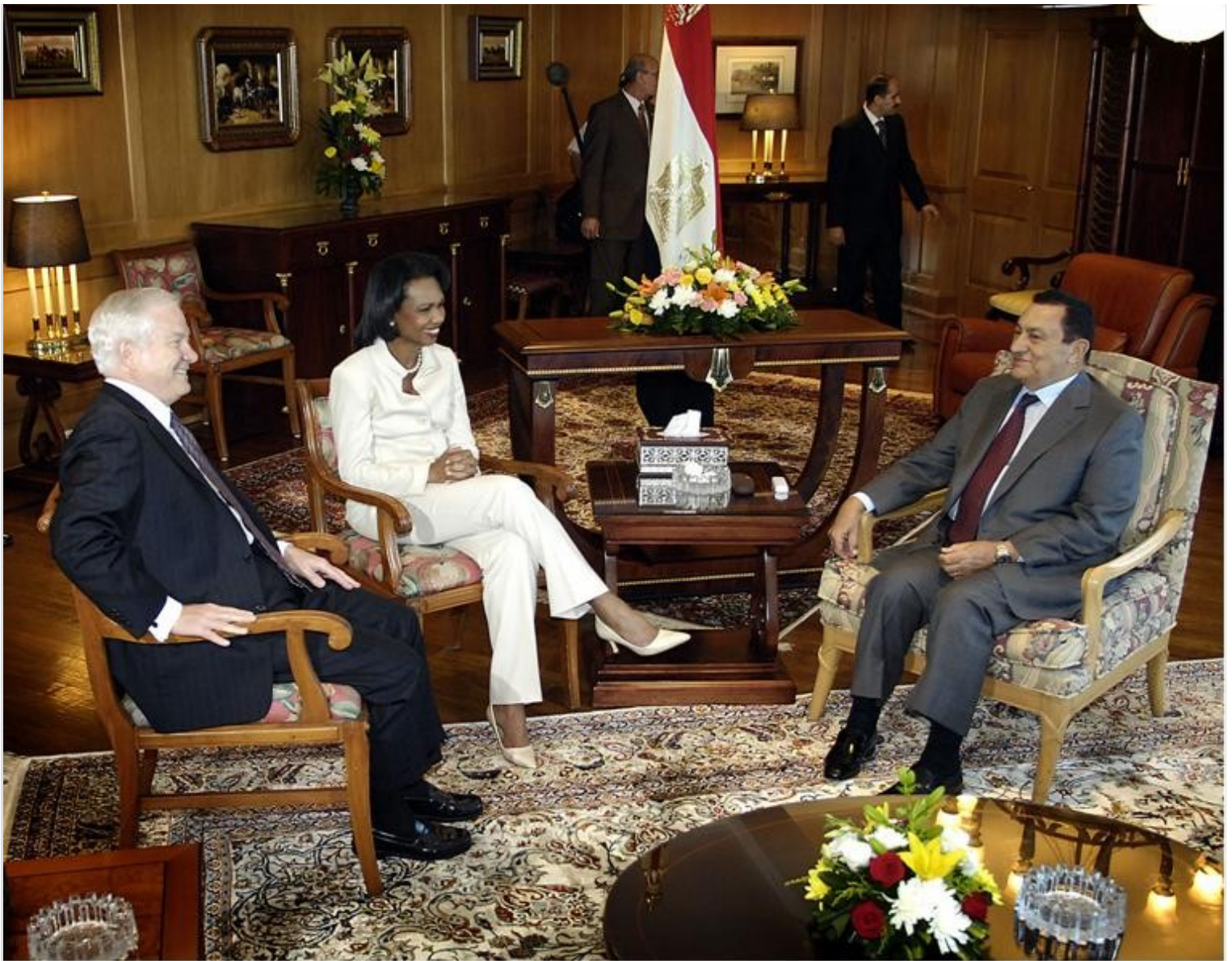


Vice President Dick Cheney shakes hands with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday, May 13, 2007, following a meeting and private lunch at the Presidential Palace in Cairo, Egypt. (White House photo by David Bohrer)

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Vice President Dick Cheney gestures during a meeting with Egypt's Minister of Defense Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi at the Presidential Palace in Cairo, Egypt on Sunday, May 13, 2007. (White House photo by David Bohrer)
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Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (left) and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meet with President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, on July 31, 2007. Gates and Rice are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.
 (Photo: [Cherie A. Thurlby, U.S. Department of Defense](#))



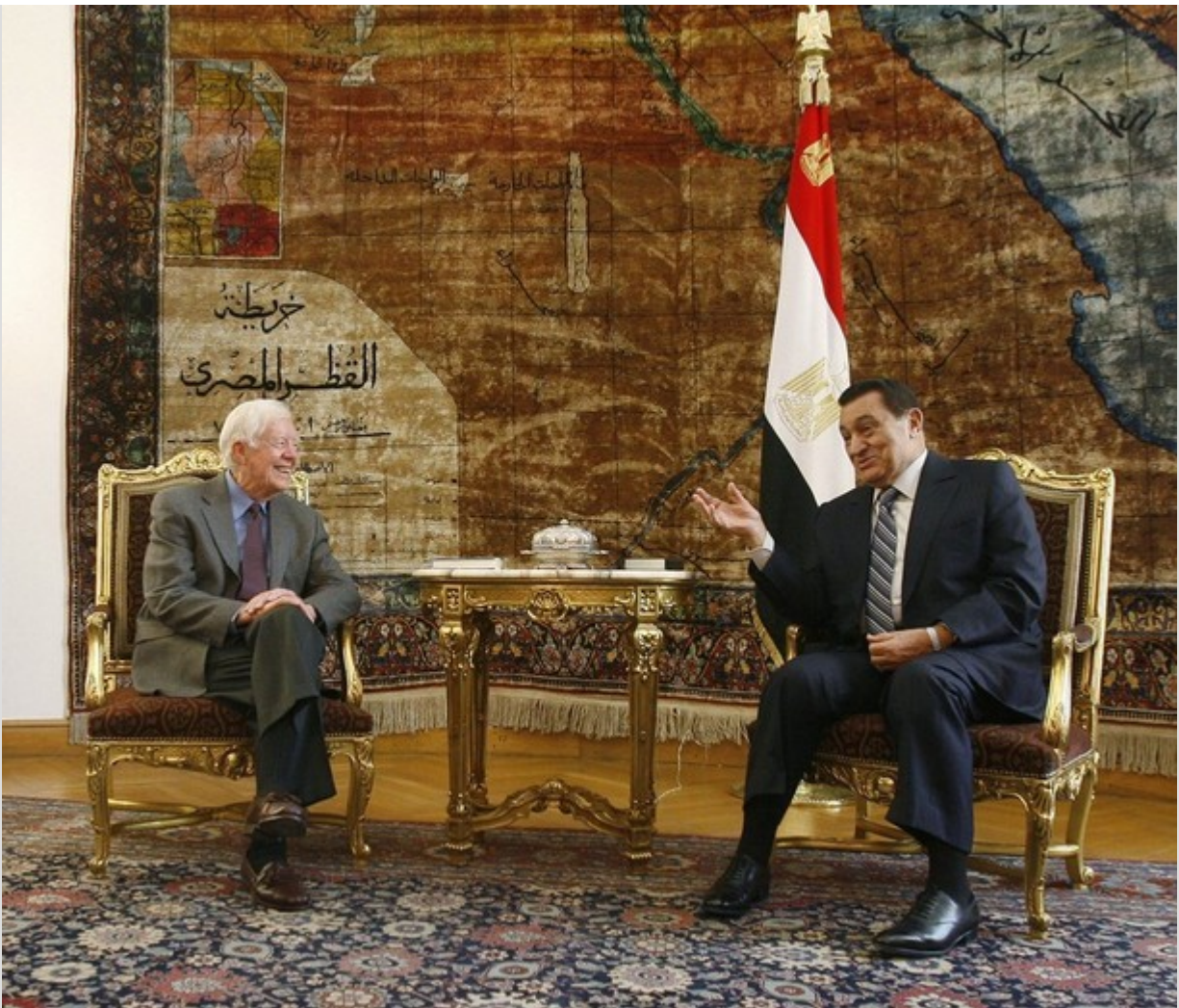
Council on Foreign Relations member Barbara Walters walks with Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid to a meeting at the Harold Pratt House in New York City on September 29, 1987.
 (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, right, poses for a photo with Egypt's Minister of Defense Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi in the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C. on March 25, 2008, prior to a working luncheon. Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi served as Egypt's Minister of Defense from May 20, 1991 to February 11, 2011. Tantawi, who is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Armed Forces, is the current Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces of Egypt, the de facto ruler of Egypt since Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak resigned from office on February 11, 2011.
(U.S. Department of Defense photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Molly A. Burgess, U.S. Navy)



U.S. Army General David Petraeus (left), Commander of U.S. Central Command, meets with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Egypt on June 29, 2009. ([Getty Images](#))



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (left), a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, talks with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak at the presidential palace in Cairo on April 17, 2008. (Reuters)



American envoy to the Middle East George Mitchell (left), a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, meets with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak at the presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt on July 27, 2009. (AP Photo)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates meets with Head of Supreme Military Council and Egypt's Minister of Defense Gen. Mohamed Hussein Tantawi in Cairo, Egypt on March 24, 2011. (U.S. Department of Defense photo by Cherie Cullen)



Egypt's Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit (R) speaks with U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman and John McCain in Cairo, Egypt on February 27, 2011. (Reuters)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and his wife Becky Gates second from right, walk with Egyptian Maj. Gen. Hassan el Rouni, second from left, upon their arrival in Cairo, Egypt on March 23, 2011. (U.S. Department of Defense photo by Cherie Cullen)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates meets with Egypt's Prime Minister Essam Sharaf (left) in Cairo, Egypt on March 23, 2011. (U.S. Department of Defense photo by Cherie Cullen)

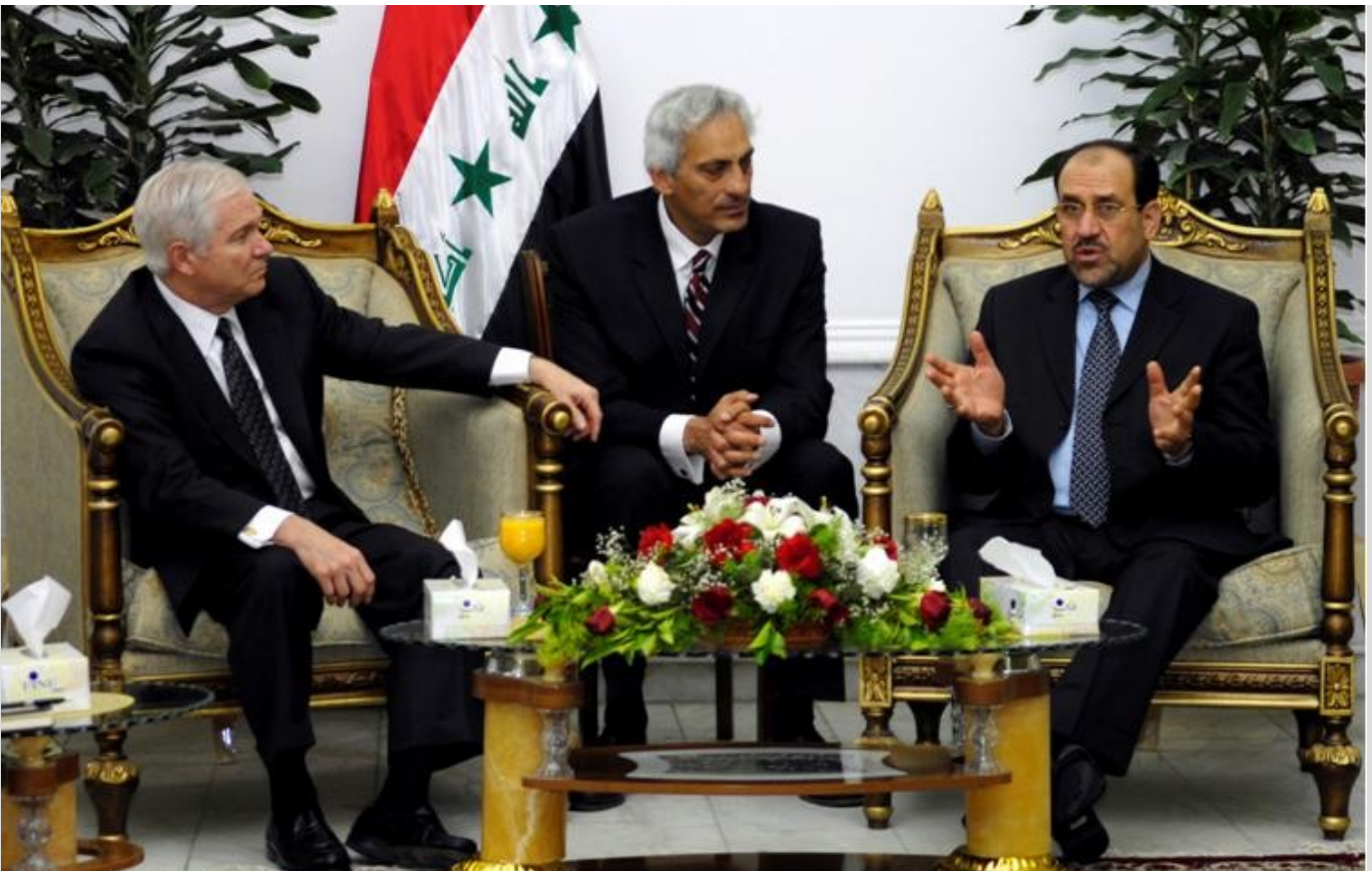
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Vice President Dick Cheney (left) meets with the Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, head of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, in Baghdad on March 17, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



Vice President Dick Cheney (right) shakes hands with Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki (left) after their meeting in Baghdad, Iraq on March 17, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (left) listens as Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (right) speaks during their meeting in Baghdad, Iraq on April 20, 2007. (Photo by Cherie A. Thurlby, U.S. Department of Defense)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (right) in Baghdad on October 5, 2006. (Photo: [Josie Duckett, State Department](#))



King Faisal II of Iraq (second from left) listens to Ernest A. Gross (second from right) at a party in 1952. Prince Abdul-Ilah, the Regent of Iraq, is sitting on the far right.



King Faisal II Al-Hashimi of Iraq and Prince Abdul-Ilah, Regent of Iraq, are entertained at a dinner given in their honor by Nazi collaborator Thomas J. Watson, President of IBM Corporation. Pictured from left to right: Prince Abdul-Ilah, King Faisal II, and Thomas J. Watson. From photograph album, "Visit of his Majesty the King of Iraq and his Royal Highness the Regent of Iraq to the United States of America, August 8 to September 12, 1952."

King Faisal II of Iraq meeting Dean Acheson.



King Faisal II of Iraq meets U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson in 1952.

(Photo: <http://iraqthelastinglove.blogspot.com/2007/11/king-faisal-ii-in-united-states.html>)



U.S. Congressman Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico) visits Iraq's dictator Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on July 16, 1995.

(File Photo) http://blog.washingtonpost.com/the-trail/2007/07/26/richardson_ill_meet_dictators.html



Texaco Chairman and CEO Alfred C. DeCrane Jr. (right) invites Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz to the Harold Pratt House on October 5, 1989. DeCrane is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
(Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Tariq Aziz shakes hands with Secretary of State James A. Baker III on January 9, 1991. This photo was published by James A. Baker III in his book *The Politics of Diplomacy*. (Reuters/Bettmann)



Left photo: Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Baath Party member Tariq Aziz (left) meets with former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia James Akins at the Harold Pratt House. James Akins was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)

Right photo: Council on Foreign Relations member Samuel W. Lewis (right) invites Ahmad Chalabi (left) and Muhammad Bahr al-Ulum, the religious leader of Najaf, Iraq, to the Harold Pratt House on March 6, 1991. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Nizar Hamdoon (left) visits Council on Foreign Relations President Leslie Gelb (center) and Richard N. Haass at the Harold Pratt House on December 7, 1994. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



ABC journalist Barbara Walters (left), Council on Foreign Relations President Leslie Gelb (center), and Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Nizar Hamdoon discuss issues concerning Iraq at the Harold Pratt House on February 25, 1998. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Nizar Hamdoon (left), Caryle Marie Murphy (center), and former U.S. Ambassador to Syria Richard W. Murphy meet at the Harold Pratt House on December 7, 1994.
(Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Charlayne Hunter-Gault (center) and Odeh Aburdene (right) talk to Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S., at a party in 1987. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



CBS journalist Dan Rather (left) visits Iraq's dictator Saddam Hussein (second from right) in Baghdad.



American envoy Donald Rumsfeld (left) and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein shake hands in Baghdad, Iraq on December 20, 1983, during the Iran-Iraq War. (Photo by Getty Images)



Ahmad Chalabi (left) and Secretary of State Colin Powell smile for the camera.



Iraqi powerbroker Ahmad Chalabi meets with Secretary of Donald Rumsfeld (left) and Paul Bremer (right).



Left photo: Iraqi politician Ahmad Chalabi (left) talks to Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz (right).
Right photo: Iraqi politician Ahmad Chalabi (left) talks to former CIA Director R. James Woolsey.



Left photo: Vice President Dick Cheney (left) and Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, speak to the press in Baghdad on March 17, 2008. (AFP/Getty images)



Right photo: Senator Joe Lieberman shakes hands with Iraqi powerbroker Ahmad Chalabi in an undated photo.



Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi speaks to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on November 11, 2005. A favorite of the Bush administration who fell from favor after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Chalabi achieved a kind of political rehabilitation on a high-profile Washington visit that included meetings with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley. (CHIP EAST/Reuters/Corbis)



Iyad Allawi, President of the Iraqi Governing Council (left), James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank (second from left), and Secretary of State Colin Powell (third from left) listen to Kofi Annan at the International Donors Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Madrid on October 23, 2003.



Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (left) conducts a meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi (second from right) on September 24, 2004. The two men sitting to the left of Rumsfeld are Gen. Richard Myers and Peter W. Rodman. Both Myers and Rodman are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. Donald Rumsfeld was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (left) meets with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani during a visit to Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 20, 2006. Gates, along with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace, U.S. Marine Corps, is in Iraq to meet with Iraqi leaders, Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command and Army Gen. George Casey, commander Multinational Forces-Iraq, to discuss the way ahead in Iraq. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Council Board member Fouad Ajami with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi.

This photo appears in the 2006 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (left), Iraqi Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki (center), and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad speak with one another at a reception at the ambassador's private residence located in the heavily fortified Green Zone area in Baghdad, Iraq on May 18, 2006. Khalilzad hosted the reception and dinner in honor of outgoing Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari. Khalilzad is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo by Marco Di Lauro/Getty Images)



Iraq Study Group co-chairman James A. Baker III (left) and former Congressman Lee Hamilton (right) meet with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (center) during a meeting at the Iraqi president's office in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone on August 31, 2006. James A. Baker III and Lee Hamilton are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo by Daniel Berehulak/Getty Images)



U.S. Senator John Warner (left), Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (center), and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad appear at a press conference at the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq on October 2, 2006. John Warner and Zalmay Khalilzad are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo by Ali Jasim-Pool/Getty Images)



Zalmay Khalilzad (left), the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (center) meet with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani in Baghdad, Iraq on February 17, 2007. Zalmay Khalilzad and Condoleezza Rice are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo by Sabah Arar-Pool/Getty Images)



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (right) speaks with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (center), Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad (left) during a meeting in Baghdad, Iraq on April 26, 2006. (Photo by Mohammed Hato-Pool/Getty Images)



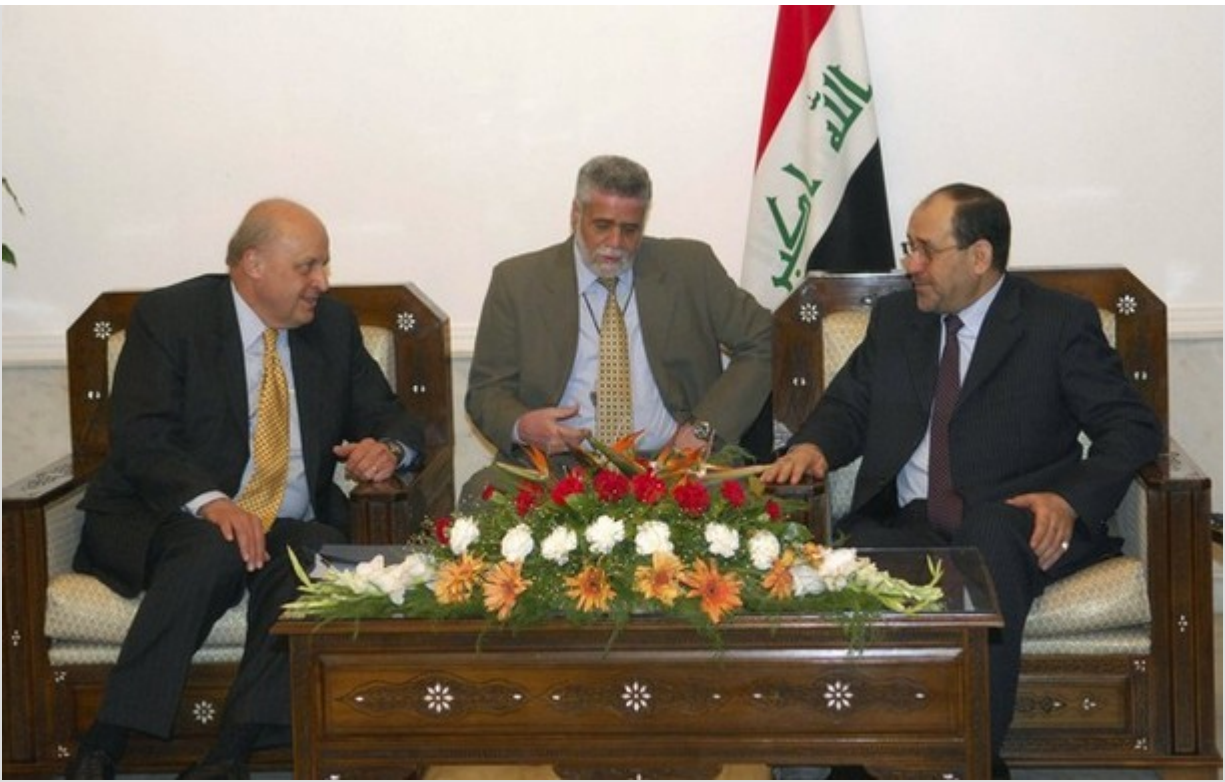
Iraqi President Jalal Talabani kisses the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad (left) before a meeting with Iraqi political leaders at Talabani's residence in Baghdad, Iraq on March 24, 2006. (Photo by Wathiq Khuzaie/Getty Images)



Former Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet (C) is greeted by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (L) before a meeting in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 2006. Talabani insisted on meeting Tenet in the lobby of his hotel, telling him, "You met me at your gate when you were in office and I was out of office. Now, I'm in office and you are out of office, so I come to my gate to greet you." Talabani told the Washington Post newspaper that he wants to see a presence of 10,000 American troops and two American air bases in Iraq "long term." (Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)



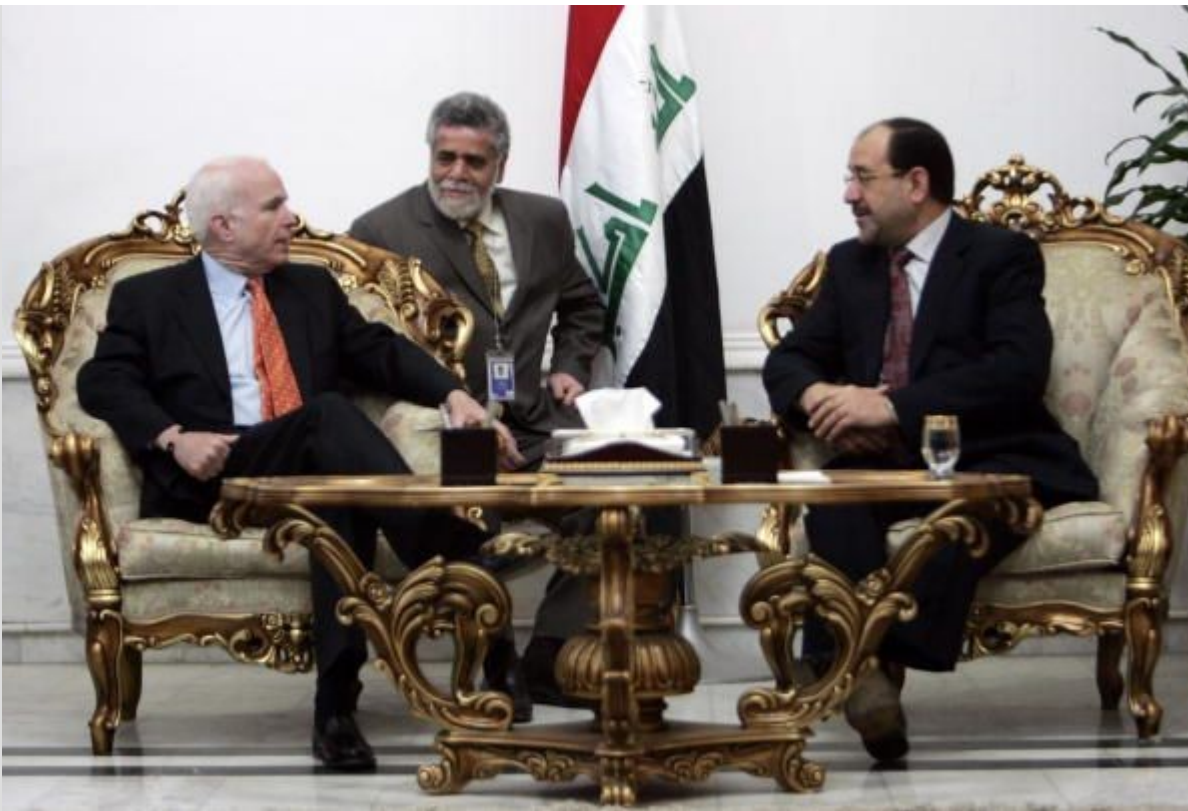
Former Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet (L) is greeted by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani before a meeting in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 2006. (Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)



Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte (left) visits Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki (right) in Baghdad, Iraq on October 5, 2008. ([Reuters](#))



Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte (L) meets with Iraq's President Jalal Talabani (R) at his residence in the northern Iraqi city of Sulaimaniyah on October 4, 2008. Negroponte arrived on an unannounced visit to Iraq yesterday, the U.S. embassy in Baghdad said, adding that he will meet senior Iraqi government officials about political, security, and economic progress in the country. ([AFP/Getty Images](#))



Republican Party presidential candidate Senator John McCain (left) meets with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Baghdad, Iraq on March 17, 2008. (Photo by Ceerwan Aziz/Pool/Getty Images)



U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus (left), Commanding General of Multi-National Force-Iraq, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (center), and Iraqi National Security Advisor Dr. Al Rubaie discuss Iraqi's defense issues in Baghdad, Iraq on February 10, 2008. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jerry Morrison, U.S. Department of Defense)



U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus (far right), the Commanding General of Multi-National Force-Iraq, talks with Iraqi powerbroker Ahmad Chalabi (center) and U.S. Army Col. Terry Ferrell, Commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at Patrol Base Hawkes on October 27, 2007. U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([Photo by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky](#))



Iraq's President Jalal Talabani (R) smiles as he meets U.S. Army General David Petraeus, Commander of U.S. Central Command (L) during their meeting at al-Salam palace in Baghdad, Iraq on October 25, 2009. (Reuters)



(Pictured from L-R) Carlos E. Pascual, Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution speaks accompanied by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Malaysian Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim and David Petraeus, commander of U.S. central command at the opening session of the U.S. - Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar on February 14, 2009. The forum will focus on ways to improve relations between the Islamic world and the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama. ([Reuters](#))



Left photo: Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (R) stands next to Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh on the second day of the U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar on February 15, 2009. The forum will focus on ways to improve relations between the Islamic world and the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama. ([Reuters](#))



Right photo: U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus meets with Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. General David Petraeus is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Council on Foreign Relations & Syria



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (left) shakes hands with Syrian dictator Hafez Assad.



U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III (left) visits Syria's President Hafez Assad.



Secretary of State Cyrus Vance meets with Syria's President Hafez El Assad in Damascus, Syria on December 13, 1977. (Claude Salhani/Sygma/Corbis)



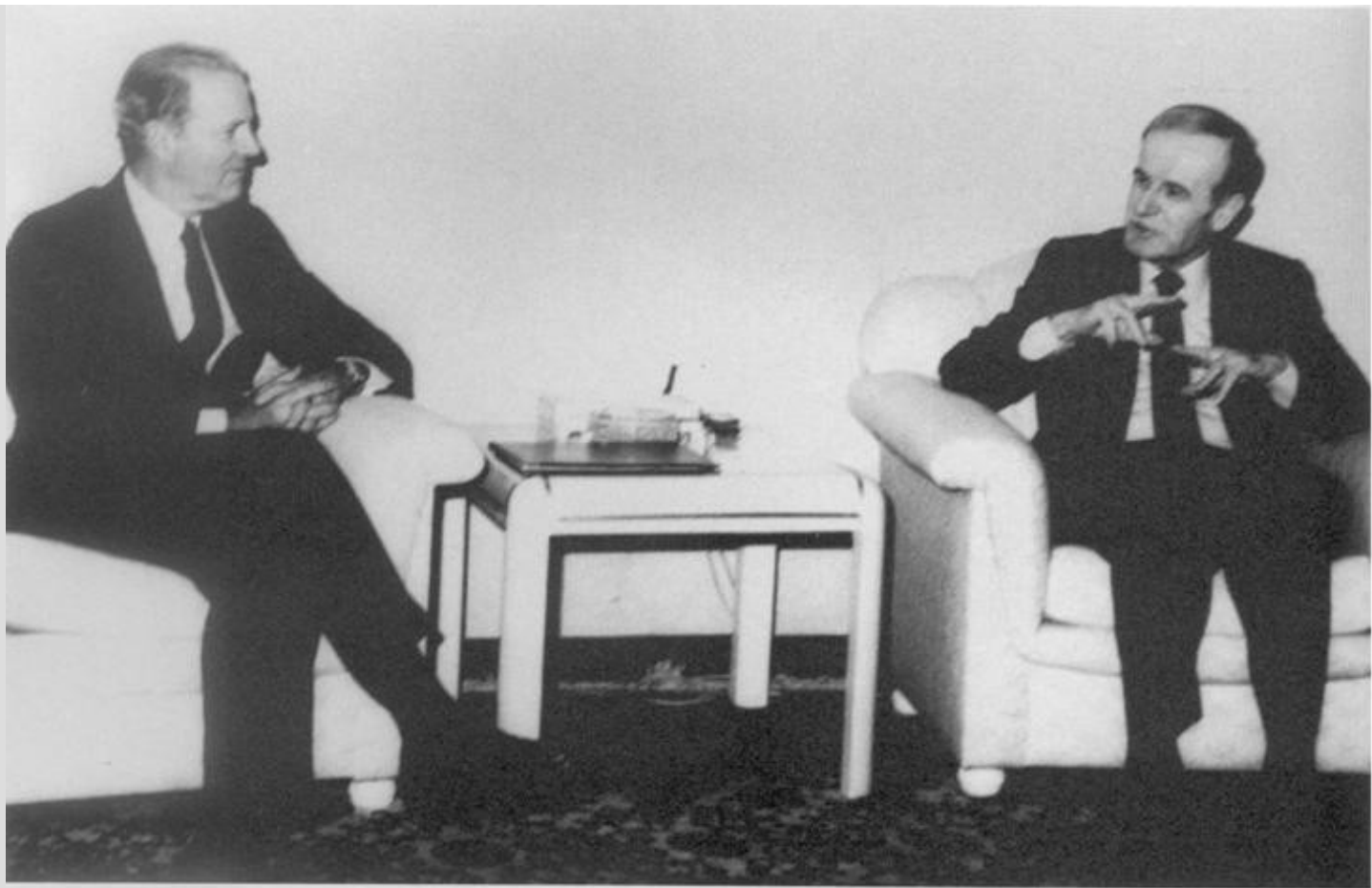
Syria's dictator President Hafez El Assad (center) is flanked by President Richard Nixon (left) and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as they began talks at Assad's residence in Damascus, Syria on June 15, 1974. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



Syrian dictator Hafez al-Assad listens as President Jimmy Carter (left) talks to the press in Geneva, Switzerland on May 10, 1977. (Photo by Central Press/Getty Images)



The Reverend Jesse Jackson (left) meets with Syria's dictator President Hafez Assad at a villa outside Damascus, Syria on January 2, 1984. (Bettmann/CORBIS)



ABOVE: With President Assad of Syria, January 13, 1991. Another marathon

Secretary of State James A. Baker III listens to Syrian terrorist Hafez Assad. This photo was published by James A. Baker III in his book *The Politics of Diplomacy*.



Dennis Ross (left) visits Syria's despot Hafez Assad in Damascus, Syria. This photo was published by Dennis Ross in his own book *The Missing Peace*.



President George H.W. Bush (left) meets with Syrian dictator Hafez Assad before the beginning of the Persian Gulf War.



President Bill Clinton (left) meets with Syrian dictator Hafez al-Assad in Damascus, Syria on October 27, 1994.
(Photo by Diana Walker/Liaison)



ABC News journalist Diane Sawyer (left) talks to Syria's dictator Bashar Assad in Damascus, Syria in February 2007.



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (left) meets with Syria's Dictator Bashar Assad (right) at the Presidential Palace in Damascus, Syria on Friday, April 18, 2008. Carter met with exiled Hamas terrorist Khaled Meshaal in the Damascus, Syria after he spoke with Bashar Assad. (Reuters)



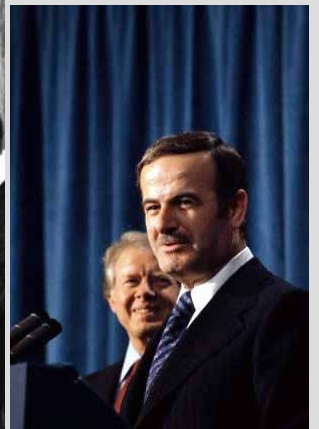
A handout picture from the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) shows Syria's dictator President Bashar al-Assad (L) meeting with U.S. Congressman Howard Berman in Damascus, Syria on February 21, 2009. Howard Berman is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([AFP/Getty Images](#))



Syria's dictator President Bashar al-Assad (L) meets Senator John Kerry, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in Damascus, Syria on February 21, 2009. John Kerry is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([Reuters](#))



American State Department envoy George J. Mitchell (left) visits Syria's President Bashar Assad in Damascus, Syria on July 26, 2009.
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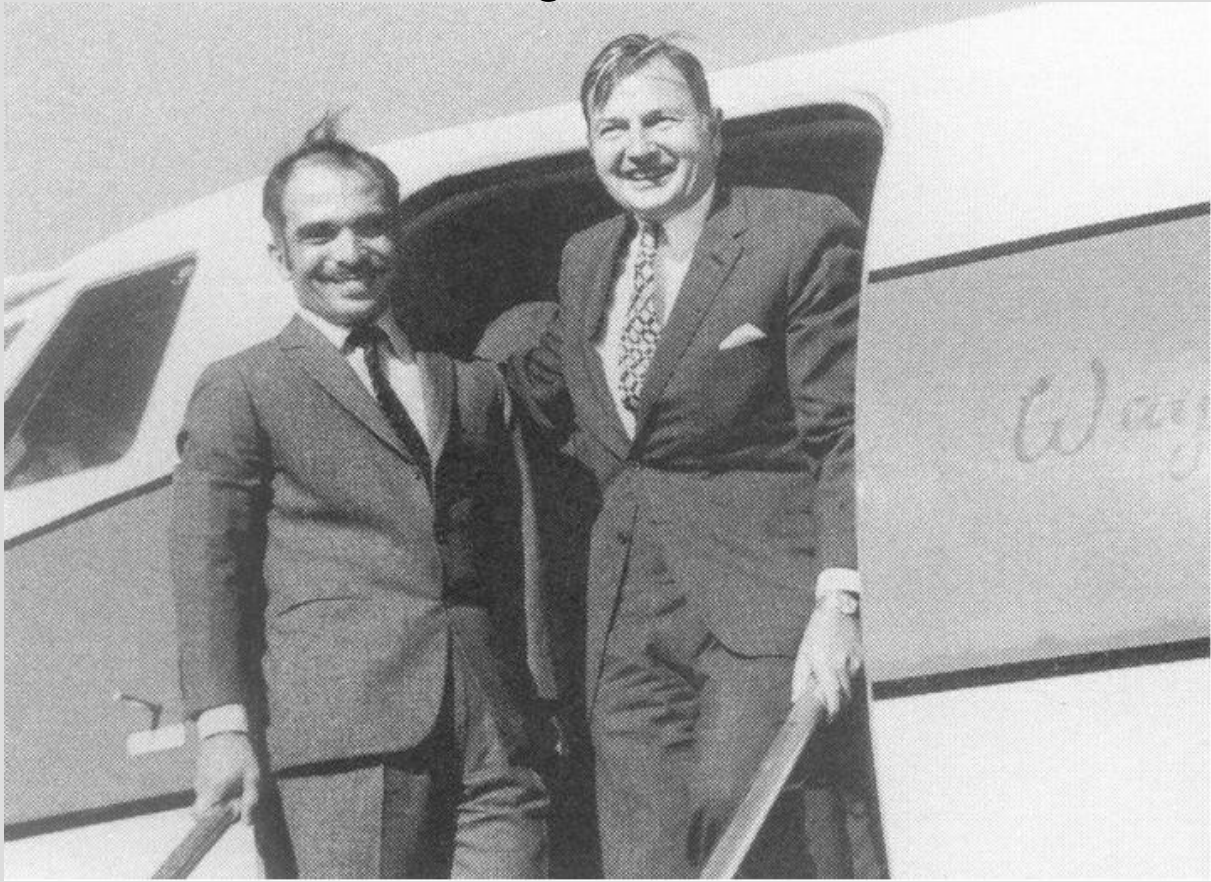


Left photo: U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher (left) meets with Syria's President Hafez Assad.
 Center and right photos: U.S. President Jimmy Carter appears with Syria's ruler Hafez Assad.

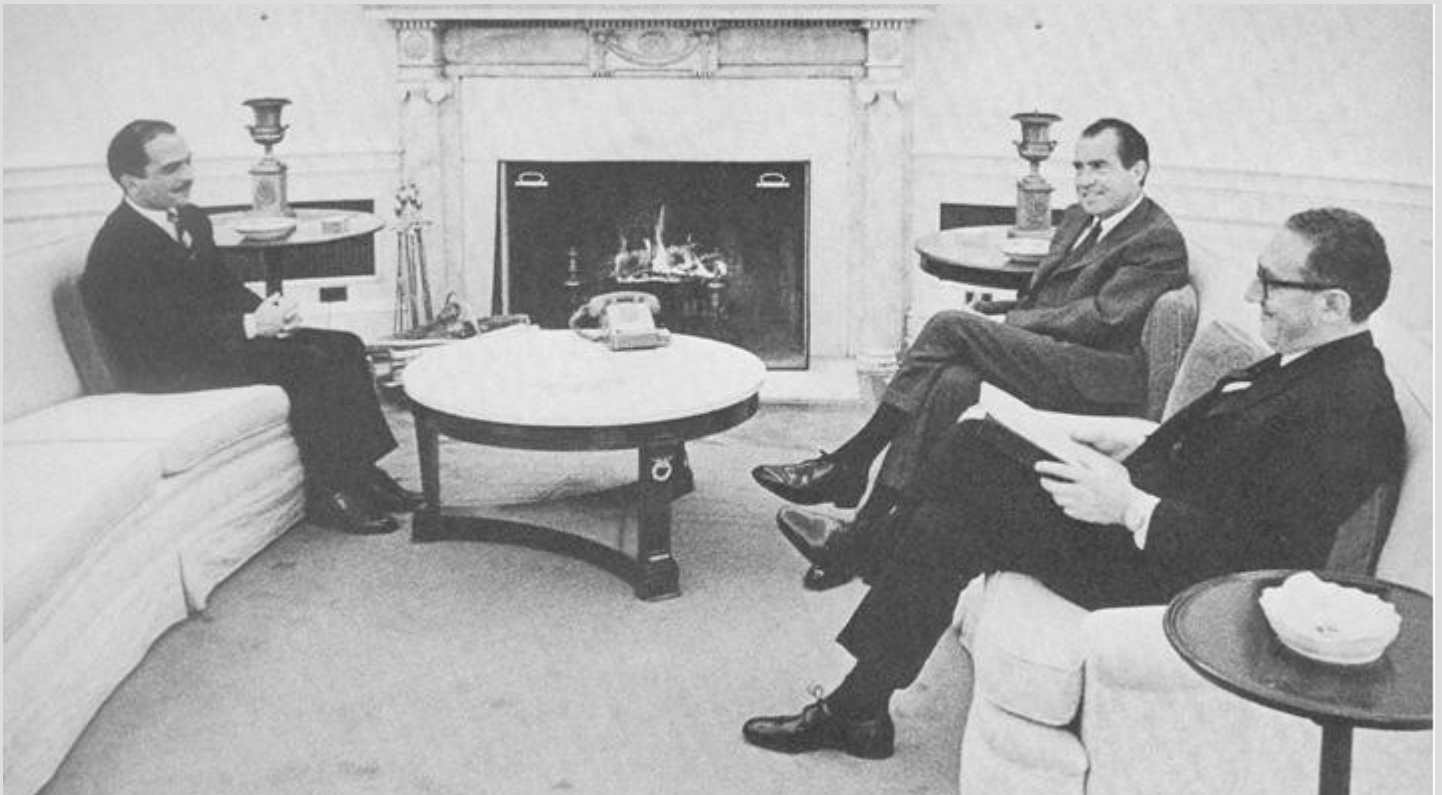


Syria's President Hafez Assad meets with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (left) and U.S. President Bill Clinton (right).

Council on Foreign Relations & Jordan



Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank David Rockefeller invites King Hussein of Jordan (left) to ride on his Chase Manhattan jet. This photograph was published in David Rockefeller's autobiography *Memoirs*.



President Richard Nixon and National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger meet with King Hussein of Jordan at the White House on April 8, 1969.



Judith Kipper (center) watches King Hussein of Jordan (left) shake hands with Washington Post Chairman Katharine Graham in Washington D.C. on January 24, 1994. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Left photo: Dennis Ross shakes hands with King Hussein of Jordan in May 1997.



Right photo: Former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (right) appears with King Hussein of Jordan at the Harold Pratt House in New York City on April 21, 1989. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



In this handout from the Jordanian Royal Palace, Jordan's King Abdullah II (right) walks with James Wolfensohn, Special Envoy of the Middle East quartet (Russia, EU, US and UN) to assist Israel's disengagement plan, prior to their meeting in Aqaba, Jordan on August 7, 2005. (Photo by Jordanian Royal Palace via Getty Images)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shakes hands with King Abdullah of Jordan at the State Department on March 22, 2005. ([State Department Photo](#))



Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Cyrus Vance meets King Hussein of Jordan in Amman on December 12, 1977. (Claude Salhani/Sygma/Corbis)



King Hussein of Jordan meets with President Gerald Ford (center) and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (right) at the White House on August 16, 1974. (CNP/Sygma/Corbis)



ABOVE: With King Hussein in Amman, April 20, 1991. The war was over, and

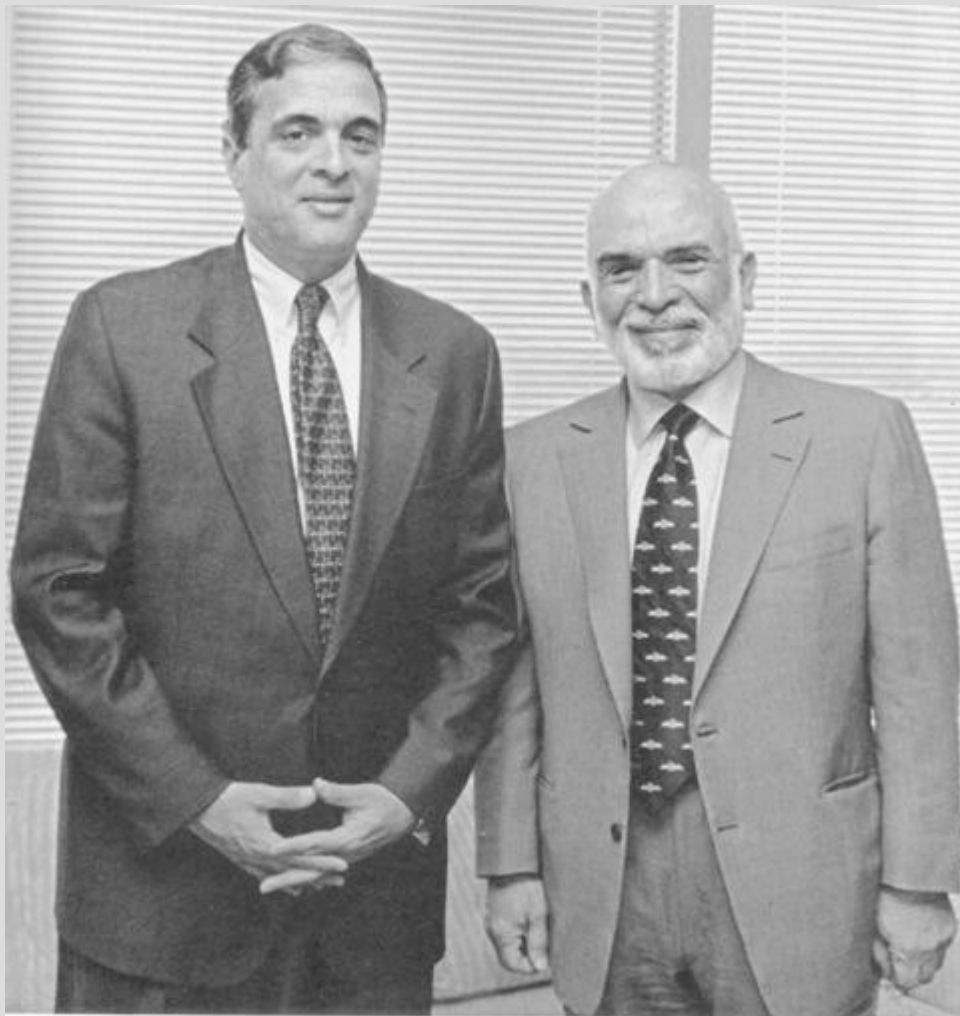
Secretary of State James A. Baker III (left) meets with King Hussein. This photo appears in James A. Baker III's book *The Politics of Diplomacy*.



James A. Baker III hands King Abdullah of Jordan a prize in the name of his father Hussein's work for peace on December 22, 1999. (NADER/CORBIS SYGMA)



CIA Director George Tenet (right) stands beside King Abdullah II of Jordan.



CIA Director George Tenet (left) stands beside King Hussein of Jordan.



King Abdullah of Jordan (right) meets with Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin (center) and Treasury Secretary nominee Lawrence Summers at Blair House in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 1999. (George Bridges/AFP/Getty Images)



Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin (left) shakes hands with King Abdullah of Jordan during a meeting at Blair House in Washington D.C. on May 18, 1999. (George Bridges/AFP/Getty Images)



President Dwight Eisenhower (left) talks to King Hussein of Jordan on March 25, 1959.
(Source: *Ike 1890-1990: A Pictorial History (Commemorative Edition)* by Douglas Kinnard)



Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) and former U.S. Senator George Mitchell (right) enjoy a meal with King Abdullah of Jordan. His stepmother Queen Noor's father, Najeeb Halaby, was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
(Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Jordanian King Abdullah II welcomes Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates to his palace in Amman, Jordan, on April 17, 2007. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Republican Party presidential candidate Senator John McCain (left) meets with King Abdullah of Jordan at the Royal Palace in Amman, Jordan on March 18, 2008. (Photo by Muhammad Hamed-Pool/Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell walks with King Abdullah II bin al Hussein of Jordan (left) on September 27, 2001 prior to their meeting at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.



Left photo: Vice President Dick Cheney shakes hands with King Abdullah of Jordan.



Right photo: Former U.S. Ambassador to Jordan L. Dean Brown (right) escorts Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan to the Harold Pratt House on May 26, 1988. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Rosalynn Carter watches her husband Jimmy Carter shake hands with Jordan's King Abdullah II in Amman, Jordan on April 20, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



Jordan's King Abdullah (R) meets with U.S. Senator John Kerry at the World Economic Forum annual meeting on the Middle East at the King Hussein Convention Centre at Dead Sea on May 15, 2009. (Reuters)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates (left) meets with King Abdullah II of Jordan in Amman, Jordan on March 25, 2011. (U.S. Department of Defense photo by Cherie Cullen)

Council on Foreign Relations & Lebanon



Robert Murphy talks to General Chehab, the commander-in-chief of the Lebanese Army.



President of Lebanon Amin Gemayel (second from left) meets with Council on Foreign Relations members Joseph J. Sisco (left), John Temple Swing, and Donna Shalala at the Harold Pratt House. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon arrives at the White House, December 1, 1983.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz meets Lebanese President Amin Gemayel at the White House on December 1, 1983. George P. Shultz is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. This photo appears in George P. Shultz's book *Turmoil and Triumph: My Years As Secretary of State*. (Photo: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library)



In a handout picture released by the Lebanese photo agency Dalati and Nohra, Lebanese President Michel Sleiman (L) meets with former U.S. Secretary of State and chairperson of The National Democratic Institute For International Affairs, Madeleine Albright (R), at the presidential palace of Baabda, Lebanon, east of Beirut, on May 6, 2009. Albright and former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark are on an assessment visit to Lebanon focused on the preparations for the parliamentary elections expected on June 7. (Getty Images)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice greets former President of Lebanon Amin Gemayel (left) in Beirut, Lebanon on June 16, 2008. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a surprise visit to Lebanon on June 16, 2008 to bolster Lebanon's new president as rival political leaders still struggle to form a new government. (AFP/Getty Images)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with opposition leader Michel Aoun, former Lebanese Army General, at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Beirut, Lebanon on July 22, 2005. ([U.S. Embassy photo](#))



Lebanon's President Michel Suleiman (L) meets with John Kerry, Chairman of the U.S. Senate's foreign relations committee at the presidential palace in Baabda, Lebanon, near Beirut, on February 18, 2009. (Reuters)



Senator John Kerry (left), Chairman of the U.S. Senate's foreign relations committee, shakes hands with Lebanon's Prime Minister Fouad Siniora at the government palace in Beirut, Lebanon on February 18, 2009. (Reuters)



U.S. Army General David Petraeus (left), outgoing Commander of the Multi-National Forces-Iraq and incoming Commander of the U.S. Central Command, shakes hands with Lebanon's President Michel Sleiman (right) at the presidential palace in Beirut on August 6, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



U.S. Army General David Petraeus (center) meets with Lebanon's Prime Minister Fuad Siniora (R) at the government palace in Beirut on August 6, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus (left), Commander of U.S. Central Command [Middle East], meets with Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri at his residence in Beirut, Lebanon on June 30, 2009. Petraeus has briefed Lebanese officials on the situation in Iraq where American troops are withdrawing from cities and said it has been very "heartening" to watch the June 7 parliamentary elections in Lebanon. (AP Photo)



A handout picture released by the Lebanese photo agency Dalati and Nohra shows Lebanese President Michel Sleiman (R) meeting with U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, the Commander of U.S. Central Command, at the presidential palace in Baabda, Lebanon, a town east of Beirut, on June 30, 2009. Petraeus is on an official visit to Lebanon. (Getty Images) <http://www.daylife.com/photo/0eOuh0g5dwcXh?q=david+petraeus>

Council on Foreign Relations & “Palestine”



President Bill Clinton greets Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.



Former Congressman Lee Hamilton and Judith Kipper greet Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat at the Harold Pratt House on January 20, 2000. Lee Hamilton would go on to serve as the vice-chairman of the 9/11 Commission. (Photo: CFR Annual Report)



First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Stanley Fischer (left) prepares to shake hands with Palestinian Liberation Organization terrorist Yasser Arafat during a press conference in the lobby of the IMF building in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2000. (Paul J. Richards/AFP/Getty Images)



Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat (right) speaks at a joint press conference with World Bank President James Wolfensohn (left) after a signing ceremony at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. on May 1, 1996. The World Bank approved a \$20 million credit loan to help "alleviate" the economic crisis in Gaza and the West Bank. (Joyce Naltchayan/AFP/Getty Images)



David Rockefeller, the Honorary Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, shakes hands with Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat in 1999. This photograph was published in David Rockefeller's autobiography *Memoirs*. (Photo by Jeffrey A. Reinke, Council on Foreign Relations)



Former President George H.W. Bush visits Arab terrorists Yasser Arafat and Hanan Ashrawi in 1993.



Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III (left), Director of the Institute for Public Policy and former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Edward Djerejian, and Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat converse at a Rice University reception for students, faculty, and members of the Arab-American and Jewish-American communities at Rice University in Houston, Texas, USA on March 6, 1997. (Greg Smith/CORBIS)



Former President Jimmy Carter visits Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.



Henry Kissinger applauds as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shake hands with Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France on July 7, 1994. (Photo: [Saar Jaacov, GPO](#)) Note: The GPO is the Israel Government Press Office.



(From left to right) Henry Kissinger, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Turkey's Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, Frederico Mayor, Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat, and Shimon Peres stand together at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France on July 7, 1994. (Photo: [Saar Jaacov, GPO](#))



Left: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright waits for Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat to get off the phone.



Right: Reverend Jesse Jackson greets Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.



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Congressman Nick Rahall (center, Democrat-West Virginia) watches House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich (right, Republican-Georgia) greet Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat in 1993.



U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (right) shakes hands with Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat following their meeting in Ramallah, West Bank, "Palestine" on May 27 1998. Newt Gingrich is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Yasser Arafat demonstrates the elbow-grab handshake to Congressman Richardson, Jerusalem, 1987.
(AUTHOR'S COLLECTION)

Congressman Bill Richardson (who is currently the Governor of New Mexico) greets Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.
(Source: *Between Worlds: The Making of An American Life* by Bill Richardson)



Louis Perlmutter (left) and Council on Foreign Relations Chairman Peter G. Peterson (right) appear with Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat at the Harold Pratt House on October 23, 1995. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



Dennis Ross talks to Arab terrorist Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) and another Arab terrorist. This photo was published by Dennis Ross in his own book *The Missing Peace*.



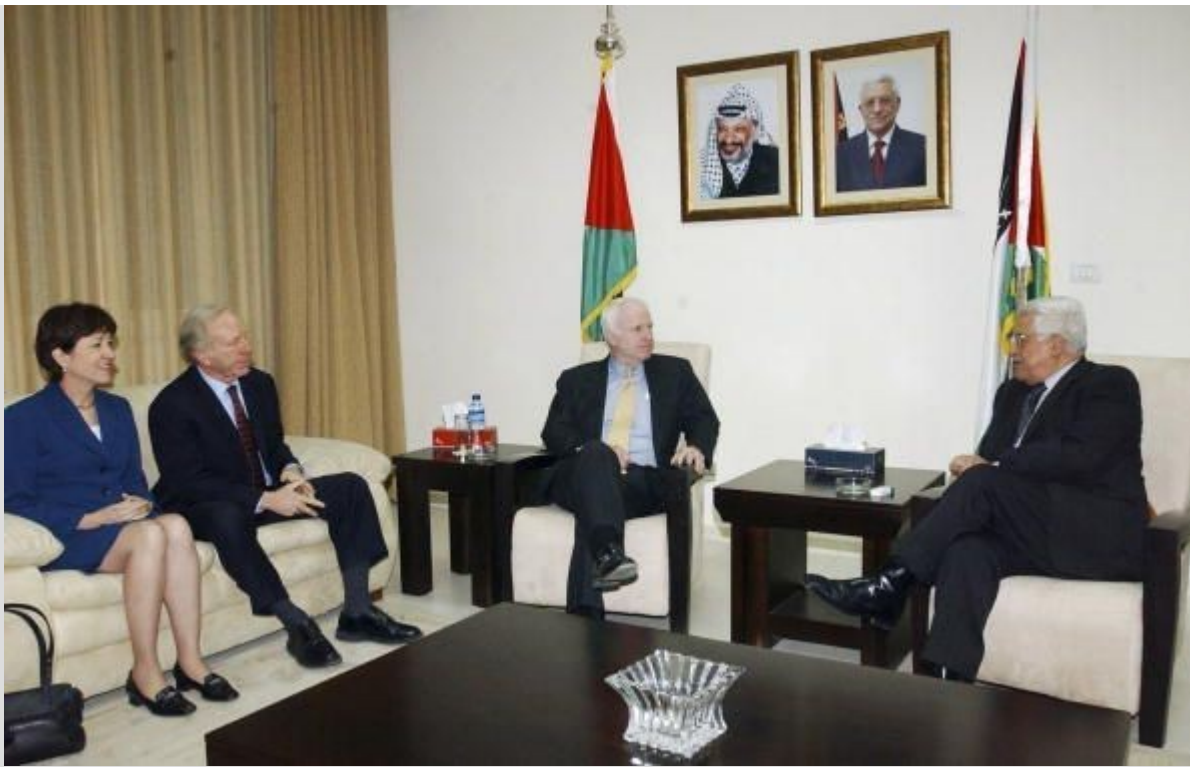
Secretary of State Colin Powell greets Arab terrorists Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) (left) and Yasser Arafat.



James Wolfensohn (left) shakes hands with Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas during a meeting at Abbas' headquarters in Gaza City, Gaza Strip on July 30, 2005. (Photo by Suhaib Salem-Pool/Getty Images)



In this handout image provided by the Palestinian Press Office (PPO), Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas sits with James Wolfensohn, "Prime Minister" Ahmed Qorei, and other officials in Washington, D.C. on May 25, 2005. (Photo by Omar Rashidi/PPO via Getty Images)



Senator John McCain (second from right), Senator Susan Collins (far left), and Senator Joe Lieberman meet with Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas [Abu Mazen] (far right) in Ramallah, West Bank on December 17, 2006. John McCain and Joe Lieberman are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo by Omar Rashidi/Palestinian Press Office via Getty Images)



Left photo: Vice President Dick Cheney shakes hands with Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, during their meeting at the Muqata in Ramallah on March 23, 2008. ([White House photo by David Bohrer](#))



Right photo: In a handout photo provided by the Palestinian Press Office (PPO), Vice President Dick Cheney (left) and Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas sit in front of a portrait of deceased Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat during a meeting in Ramallah, Gaza on March 23, 2008. (Getty Images)



Former Secretary of State Madeleine Korbel Albright greets Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas, in Ramallah, West Bank on December 6, 2007. (Photo by Omar Rashidi/ Palestinian Press Office (PPO) via Getty Images)



Left photo: From left to right, United Nation Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Israeli President Ehud Barak, French President Jacques Chirac, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and PLO terrorist Yasser Arafat pose as they leave the Elysee Palace after a meeting in Paris on October 4, 2000. (Photo by Prestige/Newsweek)



Right photo: Retired U.S. Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni (wearing a blue shirt) visits Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.



Dennis Ross embraces Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat in Tunis, Tunisia in 1994. This photo was published by Dennis Ross in his own book *The Missing Peace*.



Robert D. Hormats (left) smiles as Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat (center) and his assistant Nabil Shaath appear at the Harold Pratt House on March 5, 1997. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



ABOVE: With Palestinian representatives Faisal Hussein and Hanan Ashrawi. A

Secretary of State James A. Baker III (left) visits Arab terrorists Faisal Hussein and Hanan Ashrawi (right). This photo appears in James A. Baker III's book *The Politics of Diplomacy*.



President Diane Sawyer and Speaker Hanan D. Mikhail-Ashrawi, Official Spokesperson, Palestinian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Process, at the January 17, 1992, General Luncheon, "The Status of the Middle East Peace Process"

This photo was published in the 1992 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert (left), Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (center), and PLO leader Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) smile for the camera at the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem on February 19, 2007. (Photo: [Matty Stern, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv](#))



Palestine's "President" Mahmoud Abbas, right, shakes hands with George Mitchell, U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, during their meeting in Ramallah, West Bank on Friday, February 27, 2009. (AP Photo)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (L) and Arab terrorist Mahmud Abbas (R) laugh as they walk together after their meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah on November 7, 2008. ([AFP/Getty Images](#))



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (L) shakes hands with Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas during their meeting at the Palestinian Authority headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah on November 7, 2008. ([Reuters](#))



World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick (left) listens to Arab terrorist Mahmoud Abbas during their meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 26, 2007. (AP Photo by Omar Rashidi)



In this handout image provided by the Palestinian Press Office (PPO), Palestine's "President" Mahmoud Abbas (R) listens to United States Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke during the 34th annual session of the World Economy and Politics Forum held on the shores of Lake Como in Cernobbio, Italy on September 5, 2008. ([Getty Images/PPO](#))



Former President Jimmy Carter (second from right) and his wife Rosalynn Carter (left) place a wreath at the tomb of Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat in Ramallah on April 15, 2008. Jimmy Carter is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Getty Images)



Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn Carter lay a wreath of flowers at the grave of the late Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat on April 15, 2008 during their visit to the West Bank of town of Ramallah. Carter announced on April 15, 2008 that he wanted to visit the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on his current Middle East tour but indicated that Israel refused to authorize the trip. (AFP/Getty Images)

Council on Foreign Relations & Afghanistan and Pakistan



Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf (left) welcomes former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger before a joint session of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland on January 24, 2008. (Reuters)



President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan with Council Chairman Peter G. Peterson and Vice Chairman Robert E. Rubin.

This photo was published in the 2007 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright shakes hands with Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf. This photo was taken at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on September 20, 2006. ([U.S.-Pakistan Business Council](#))



Former U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills stands beside Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf. This photo was taken at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on September 20, 2006. ([U.S.-Pakistan Business Council](#))



Former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft shakes hands with Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf. This photo was taken at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on September 20, 2006. ([U.S.-Pakistan Business Council](#))



Pakistan's dictator President Pervez Musharraf (left) shakes hands with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at Army House in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on February 12, 2007. Robert Gates held talks with Pervez Musharraf ahead of a spring offensive against the Taliban. (AFP/Getty Images)



Vice President Dick Cheney greets Pakistan's despot Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad, Pakistan on February 26, 2007. (AFP/Getty Images)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf at the Presidential Palace in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 27, 2006. ([State Department photo by Josie Duckett](#))



Pervez Musharraf, the dictator of Pakistan, speaks to guests about his vision of Pakistan in the 21st century as Joseph Nye (left), Dean of Kennedy School of Government, listens at the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts on September 8, 2002. (Photo By Douglas McFadd/Getty Images)



Richard Holbrooke (left) appears with Pakistan's despot Perviz Musharraf at the Harold Pratt House. This photo appears in the 2005 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Left to right: Ambassador Douglas A. Hartwick, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South and Southwest Asia Affairs; Gerald L. Shaheen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Perviz Musharraf, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan; former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright; Muhammad Ali Durrani, Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States; and former U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Carla Hills appear at a luncheon held at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on September 20, 2006. Albright and Hills are members of the Council on Foreign Relations and members of the Trilateral Commission. ([U.S.-Pakistan Business Council](#))



Pakistan's despot Pervez Musharraf meets with former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Nicholas Platt (left) and Council on Foreign Relations President Richard N. Haass (center). This photo appears in the 2004 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Left to right: U.S. Senators Chuck Hagel, John Kerry, and Joseph Biden meet with Pervez Musharraf (right), the Dictator of Pakistan, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on February 19, 2008. Chuck Hagel and John Kerry are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (AFP/Getty Images)



Pakistan's former President Pervez Musharraf speaks to the audience during a meeting at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on November 9, 2010. (Getty Images)



Pakistani Defence Minister Ahmed Mukhtar (L) and Interior Minister Rahman Malik (C) chat with US Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke (R) upon their arrival for a meeting with prime minister in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 5, 2009. (Getty Images)



Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi (left) shakes hands with U.S. Special Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke upon his arrival for a meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan on July 17, 2010. (Getty Images)



Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari talks with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. John Kerry before their lunch on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on May 7, 2009. (AP Photo)



This hand out picture released by Press Information Department (PID) shows Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari (R) speaking with U.S. Special envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke (L) during a meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 3, 2009. (Getty Images)



General David Petraeus (L), commander of the US Central Command is greeted by Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (2nd L) upon his arrival in Islamabad, Pakistan on October 19, 2009, as Pakistani Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar (C) looks on. Leading U.S. Senator John Kerry and a top U.S. general held talk with Pakistani officials as Washington tried to counter protests over a controversial 7.5 billion dollar aid package. The bill prevents the funding from being used for nuclear proliferation, to support militants or to attack neighboring countries -- namely India -- and calls for a cut-off in aid if Pakistan fails to crack down on extremists. (Getty Images)



In this photo released by Pakistan's Ministry of Defence, U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, left, chairman of the U.S. Central Command, meets Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani at General Headquarters in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on December 14, 2009. Petraeus discussed bilateral and security issues with Pakistani officials on Monday. (AP Photo) <http://www.daylife.com/photo/08cn5EdaFT7z1?q=david+petraeus+ashfaq>



Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto (left) speaks to Richard Haass, President of the Council on Foreign Relations, in New York City on August 15, 2007. (AP Photo by Mary Altaffer)



Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto addresses members and guests of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on August 15, 2007. Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in Pakistan on December 27, 2007. (AP Photo by Mary Altaffer)



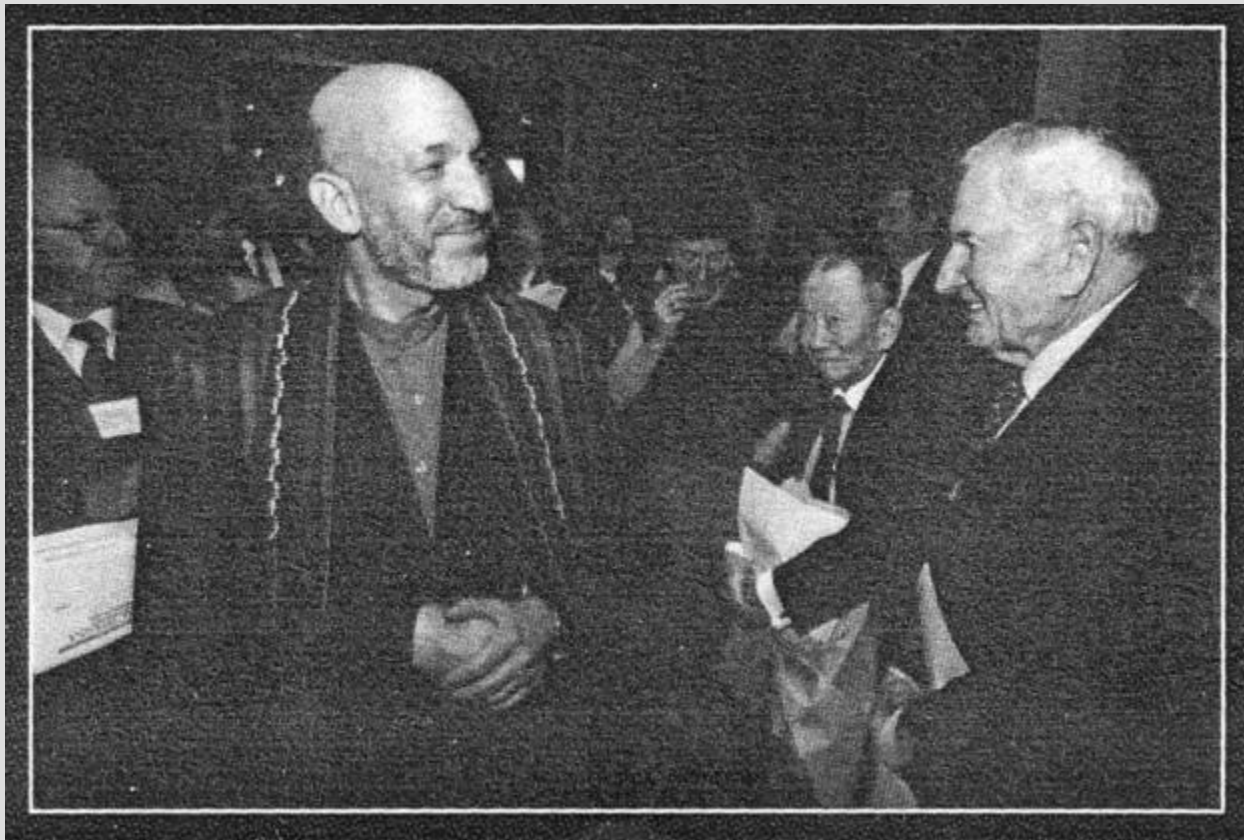
Left to right: Muhammad Ali Durrani, Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States; Jay Collins, Chairman of U.S.-Pakistan Business Council; C. Fred Bergsten, Director of Institute for International Economics; Pervez Musharraf, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Gerald L. Shaheen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of U.S. Chamber of Commerce; former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft; former U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills; former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright; and Mr. Najeeb Ghauri, Chairman of NetSol Technologies, Inc. Jay Collins, C. Fred Bergsten, Brent Scowcroft, Madeleine K. Albright, and Carla A. Hills are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. This photo was taken at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on September 20, 2006. ([U.S.-Pakistan Business Council](#))



Pakistani Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, left, responds to a question from Foreign Relations Council board member Jami, Miscik at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on September 21, 2010. (AP Photo)



Former Senator George Mitchell watches Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (left) deliver a speech at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on September 13, 2002. (Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images)



David Rockefeller greets Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai. This photo was published on the back cover of the 2002 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (left) shakes hands with World Bank President James Wolfensohn at a dinner given by Wolfensohn following a session of the International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan in Tokyo, Japan on January 21, 2002. (Photo by Koichi Kamoshida/Getty Images)



World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn embraces Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (left) at the World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C. on January 28, 2002. (Shawn Thew/AFP/Getty Images)



Council President Haass greets Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan.

Council on Foreign Relations President Richard Haass shakes hands with Hamid Karzai. This photo was published in the 2007 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Council on Foreign Relations Chairman Peter G. Peterson (left) and Council on Foreign Relations President Richard N. Haass (right) talk to Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan. This photo appears in the 2004 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Secretary of State Colin Powell (center) watches Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (left) greet Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai at a NATO meeting in Istanbul, Turkey on June 29, 2004. ([NATO Photo](#))



Left: Senators John McCain and Bill Frist give an award to Hamid Karzai in Washington D.C. on February 27, 2003.
Right: Fareed Zakaria talks to Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai at the Harold Pratt House.





Afghan President Hamid Karzai (R) shakes hands with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist during a news conference in Kabul, Afghanistan on January 12, 2005. Karzai pledged on Wednesday to ensure delayed parliamentary polls that had been due in April are held as soon as possible, saying necessary preparations were under way. (© AHMAD MASOOD/Reuters/Corbis)



Richard Holbrooke (left), U.S. President Barack Obama's top envoy for Afghanistan, meets with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (R) at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on April 5, 2009. (Reuters)



General James L. Jones, the Supreme Allied Commander of Europe, shakes hands with President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai at a NATO meeting in Istanbul, Turkey on June 29, 2004. ([NATO Photo](#))



Zalmay Khalilzad (left), the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Afghan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah Abdullah (right) watch Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (second from left) shake hands with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a press conference at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 17, 2005. (Shah Marai/AFP/Getty Images)



Vice President Richard B. "Dick" Cheney (left) and Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai shake hands after a press conference at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on December 7, 2004. (Photo by U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant James M. Bowman, U.S. Department of Defense)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shakes hands with Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, at the State Department on May 23, 2005. ([Michael Gross, State Department](#))



Donald Rumsfeld meets Afghan President Hamid Karzai (right foreground) at the Pentagon on June 14, 2004. From left to right: Gen. Richard B. Myers, Donald Rumsfeld, Douglas Feith, Peter Rodman, and William Luti. Luti is not a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; Luti has attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Photo: U.S. Department of Defense)



Left photo: Defense Secretary Robert Gates meets with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai in Kabul, Afghanistan on January 16, 2007.



Right photo: Army General John Abizaid, Commander of U.S. Central Command, watches Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai awards a medal to Army Lieutenant General Karl Eikenberry, Commander of Combined Forces Command, at the Gul Khana Palace in Afghanistan on January 20, 2007. Abizaid and Eikenberry are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (left) speaks with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai in Kabul, Afghanistan, on December 4, 2003. (Photo: U.S. Defense Department)



Afghan President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad (left) attend a press conference at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 25, 2004 to discuss a proposal about a USAID program to build and rehabilitate some 378 medical clinics around the country. (Shah Marai/AFP/Getty Images)



Senator John Kerry listens to President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai (left) during a meeting at the presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on February 20, 2008. (AP Photo by Rafiq Maqbool)



Afghan President Hamid Karzai (third from right) talks with Democratic Party presidential contender Barack Obama (third from left) during a meeting at The Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on July 20, 2008. Senator Jack Reed and Senator Chuck Hagel are sitting on the left side. Jack Reed and Chuck Hagel are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (AFP/Getty Images)



Former Congressman Lee Hamilton (D-IN) (left), president and director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, appears with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (R) at a forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. on September 26, 2008. (Reuters)



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., right, meets with Afghan President Hamid Karzai at the Capitol on in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 2008. (AP Photo by Kevin Wolf)



Members of the Leadership delegation of the Islamic Alliance of Afghanistan

Members of the Islamic Alliance of Afghanistan visit the Harold Pratt House in 1987.
(Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)

Speaker Burhanuddin Rabbani, Leader of the Jamiat-e-Islami and Spokesman for the Mujahideen Alliance, Afghanistan, Presider Robert Huntington Knight and Jeffrey DeLaurentis, Associate Director of Meetings at the November 11, 1988, Roundtable Breakfast, "A Conversation with Professor Rabbani."



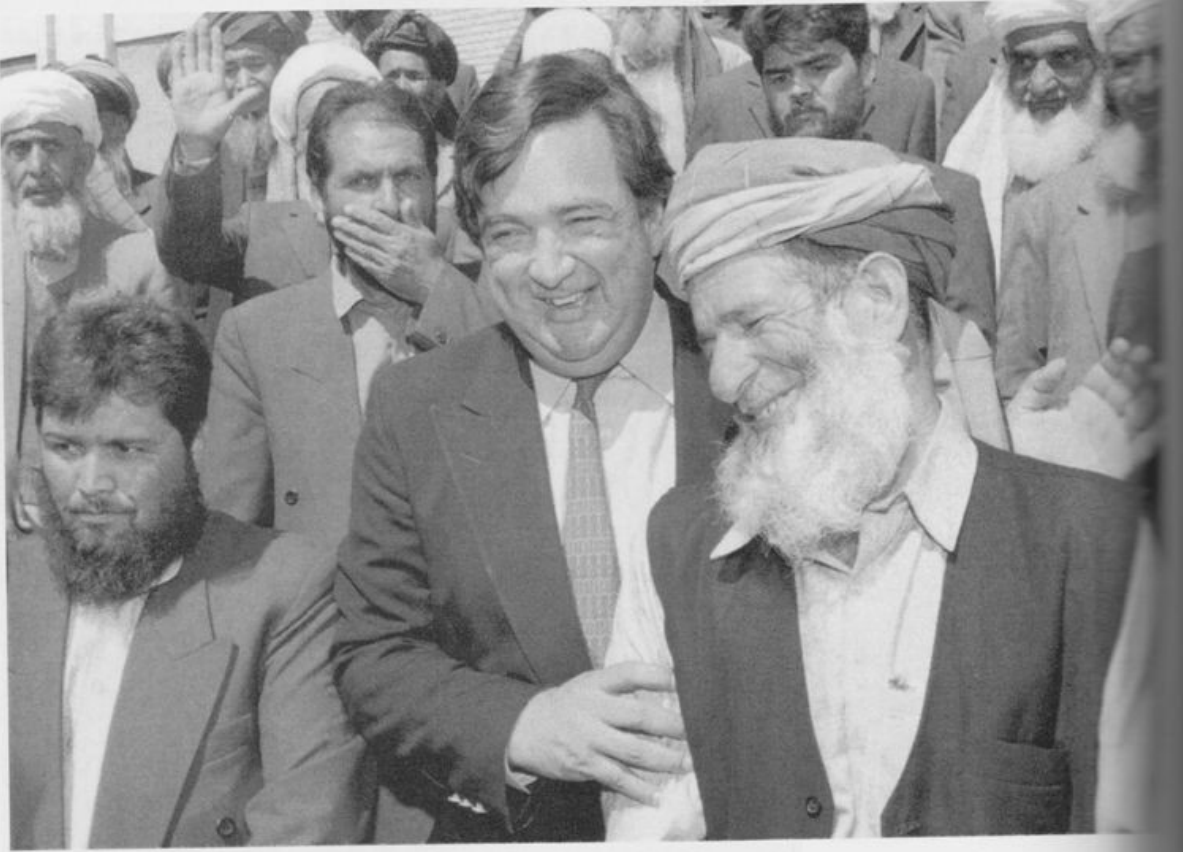
This photo was published in the 1989 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Left: World Bank President James Wolfensohn talks to President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai at a dinner in Tokyo, Japan on January 21, 2002.



Right: World Bank President James Wolfensohn (right) meets with Pakistani despot Pervez Musharraf (center) and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz (left) in Islamabad, Pakistan on February 7, 2005.



An extremely rare moment of levity with the Taliban, in Kabul in 1998. I visited the Taliban and their Northern Alliance enemies as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. (AP PHOTO)

U.S. Representative to the United Nations Bill Richardson negotiates with the Taliban in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1998.
(Source: *Between Worlds: The Making of An American Life* by Bill Richardson)



President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai, Vice President Dick Cheney, President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and Pakistan's dictator Pervez Musharraf prepare for dinner at the White House on September 27, 2006. Cheney and Rice are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([White House photo by Eric Draper](#))



Afghan President Hamid Karzai (C), U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke (L), and U.S. Army General David Petraeus (R), Commander of U.S. Central Command, arrive for a conference at Kabul International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan on April 11, 2010. Holbrooke and Petraeus attended a two-day conference reviewing U.S. civilian and military involvement in Afghanistan for the coming year. Richard Holbrooke and David Petraeus are members of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([Reuters](#))



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (left) is awarded the Wazir Akbar Khan, the highest award the Afghan government can bestow, by Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on June 4, 2011. (Jason Reed, Pool via AP)

Council on Foreign Relations & Turkey



Turkey's President Abdullah Gul speaks at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on September 24, 2010. (Reuters)



Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, Prime Minister of Turkey, was presented with Anti-Defamation League's "Courage to Care Award" in recognition of the heroic rescues of Jews by members of the Turkish Diplomatic Corps during World War II. The award was presented by Abraham Foxman, left, ADL National Director at ADL Headquarters in New York.

Photo: DAVID KARP

Anti-Defamation League director Abraham Foxman (left) presents an award to Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Anti-Defamation League headquarters in New York City on June 10, 2005. (Photo: [Anti-Defamation League](#))



Vice President Dick Cheney (left) shakes hand with and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan prior to their meeting in Ankara, on March 24, 2008. (AFP/Getty Images)



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (left) meets with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan during a meeting in Ankara, Turkey on February 28, 2008. Turkey was fighting against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq at the time this photo was taken. (AP Photo by Ates Tumer)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (left) shakes hands with Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan before their meeting in Ankara, Turkey on November 2, 2007. (AFP/Getty Images)



President George W. Bush meets with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Chairman of Turkey's AK Party during National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's meeting in the Roosevelt Room on December 10, 2002. Erdogan is currently the Prime Minister of Turkey. Colin Powell is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. ([White House photo by Paul Morse](#))



Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan (R) attends a meeting with U.S. Congressmen Joseph Biden (2nd R), John Kerry (C), Chuck Hagel (2nd L) and U.S. ambassador to Turkey Ross Wilson (L) in Ankara February 22, 2008. Erdogan said on Friday he had spoken by telephone on Thursday night with U.S. President George W. Bush about Turkish troops' land offensive into northern Iraq. (Reuters)



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R) meets with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tennessee) on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on June 8, 2005. Erdogan is in Washington, D.C. on an official visit. (© JASON REED/Reuters/Corbis)



Kemal Atatürk, his adopted daughter and the Author at the
Gazi's farm in Ankara

Kemal Ataturk (left), the President of the Republic of Turkey, relaxes on his farm in Ankara, Turkey while U.S. Ambassador to Turkey Joseph C. Grew chats with Ataturk's adopted daughter.

OTHER AREAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LIBYA



Libya's dictator Muammar Gadhafi (right) meets with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (L) in Tripoli on September 5, 2008. Rice arrived in Libya on the first such visit in more than half a century, marking a new chapter in Washington's reconciliation with the former enemy state. ([AFP/Getty Images](#))



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Libyan leader Mu'ammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi in Tripoli, Libya on September 5, 2008. (Photo: [U.S. State Department/David Y. Lee](#))



In this photo provided by the Council on Foreign Relations, Libya's dictator Muammar Gadhafi (left) speaks to the audience at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York City on Thursday, September 24, 2009. At right is CFR President Richard N. Haass. (AP Photo)



Libya's ruler Muammar Gaddafi embraces The Reverend Jesse Jackson. (AP Photo)
(Source: [London Telegraph](#))



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice smiles during a bilateral meeting with Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili at Blair House in Washington, D.C. on March 20, 2008. After meeting Saakashvili at the White House a day earlier, US President George W. Bush expressed his support for the former Soviet republic of Georgia's bid to join NATO at the alliance's upcoming early April summit. (AFP/Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, left, and Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili shake hands in Tbilisi, on Friday, August 15, 2008. Rice arrived in Georgia on Friday for talks with President Saakashvili on formalising a French-negotiated ceasefire to the South Ossetian conflict. (AP Photo/Irakli Gedenidze, pool) <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/aug/18/questions-answers/>



President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili (far left) at a small Council on Foreign Relations dinner with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Prime Minister of Georgia Vladimir Gurgelidze, Senior Fellow Stephen R. Sestanovich, and Stephen E. Biegun. (Source: Council on Foreign Relations 2008 Annual Report)



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates (right) escorts Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili into the Pentagon through an honor cordon on March 20, 2008. Saakashvili is meeting with Gates, who just returned from a trip to Russia, to discuss a range of bilateral security issues. (Photo: [R.D. Ward/U.S. Department of Defense](#))



Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili (L) greets U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg during their meeting at the presidential palace in Tbilisi, Georgia on February 5, 2010. (Reuters)



Thomas J. Watson, Jr., and Speaker Yahabzade Yaqub Khan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan, at the September 29, 1988, Roundtable Luncheon, "Recent Developments in Southwest Asia: A View from Pakistan"

This photo was published in the 1989 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



President George Bush advises the Emir of Kuwait, Jabir Al-Ahmad Al Jabir Al-Sabah, during a meeting in the Oval Office on September 28, 1990. (Photo: [George Bush Presidential Library](#))



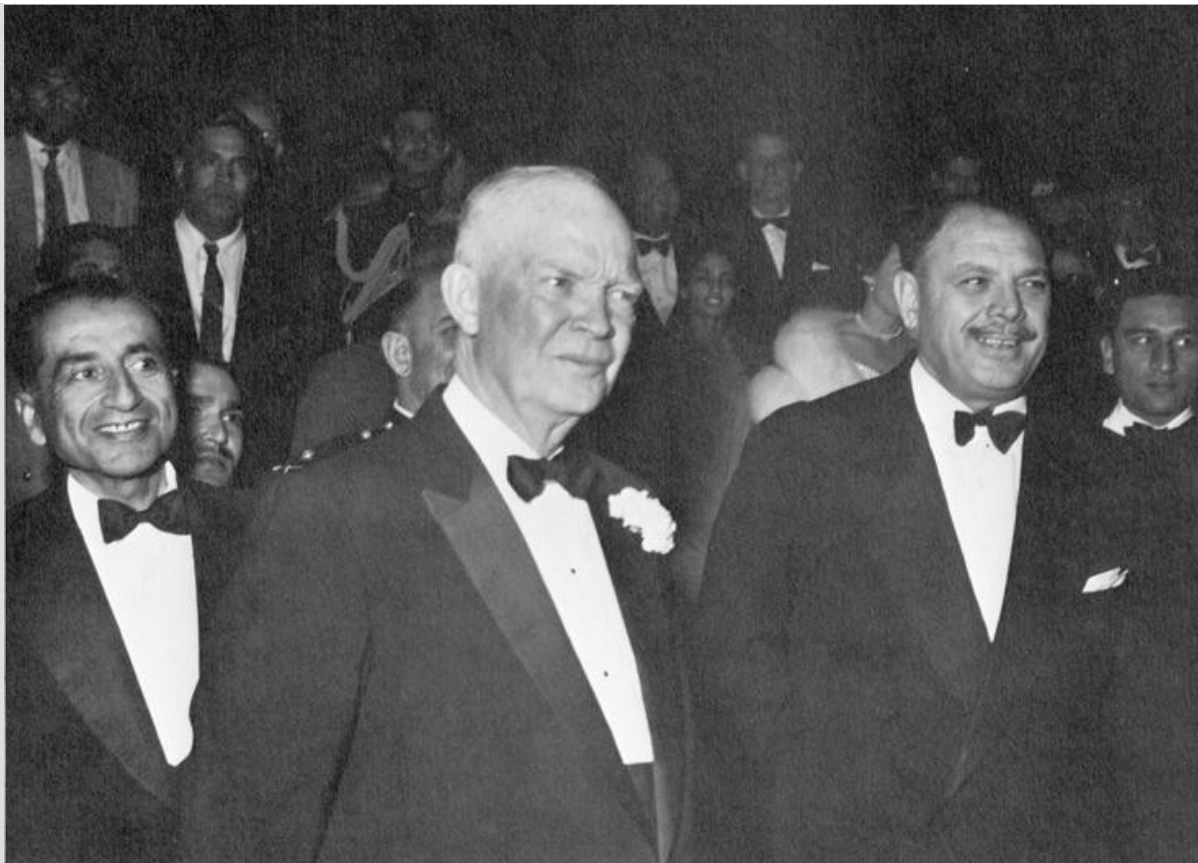
Secretary of State James A. Baker III shakes hands with the Emir of Kuwait in the Oval Office. This photo appears in James A. Baker III's book *The Politics of Diplomacy*. (Photo: White House/Bush Library)



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) (L) shakes hands with King Abdullah II of Jordan at his U.S. Senate office on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2005. From left to right are: Frist, Sen. Trent Lott (R-Mississippi), King Abdullah, Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Illinois), and Sen. John Kerry (D-Massachusetts). Frist and Kerry are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.
(© LARRY DOWNING/Reuters/Corbis)



U.S. Senator Joe Biden (left, D-Delaware), along with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (right, R-Tennessee), walk to lunch with Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on September 23, 2004. (© MANNIE GARCIA/Reuters/Corbis)



President Dwight Eisenhower appears at a party with Pakistan's President Ayub Khan (right) in Karachi, Pakistan in 1959. (Source: *Ike 1890-1990: A Pictorial History (Commemorative Edition)* by Douglas Kinnard)



George McGhee with (left to right) Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, and Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan, 1950. (NBC.)

George C. McGhee (left) meets with Pakistan's Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan (right) and Eleanor Roosevelt in 1950. (Source: *Envoys to the Middle World: Adventures in Diplomacy* by (Ambassador) George McGhee)



U.S. Ambassador to France C. Douglas Dillon (2L) and French High Commissioner Andre Dubois (3L) talk with Morocco's Sultan Mohamed ben Youssef (R) in Morocco in March 1956. (Photo: Thomas D. Mcavoy/Time Life)



Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh (L), former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and Anwar Ibrahim (2nd R), Malaysia's opposition leader, and General David Petraeus (R), Commander of U.S. Central Command, attend the opening session of the U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar on February 14, 2009. The forum focused on ways to improve relations between the Islamic world and the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama. ([Reuters](#))



Speaker Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, Minister of Finance, State of Kuwait, at the October 1, 1990, General Meeting, "A Conversation with the Minister"

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"A Conversation with Prince Bandar"

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SHEIKH ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH
Minister of Finance, State of Kuwait
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Speaker Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States (center), at the September 26, 1990, Roundtable Dinner, "A Conversation with Prince Bandar"

This is a copy of p. 42 of the 1991 Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report.



Zbigniew Brzezinski introduces Saparmurat Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan (left), to Paul Wolfowitz, Dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, in April 1998. (Photo: <http://www.jhu.edu/~gazette/aprjun98/apr2798/27sais.html>)



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (left) meets with Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (right). Condoleezza Rice is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (center) stands next to U.S. Congressman Dick Gephardt. Dick Gephardt is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (left) visits U.S. President Bill Clinton at the Blair House in Washington, D.C. in March-April 2000. Bill Clinton is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)

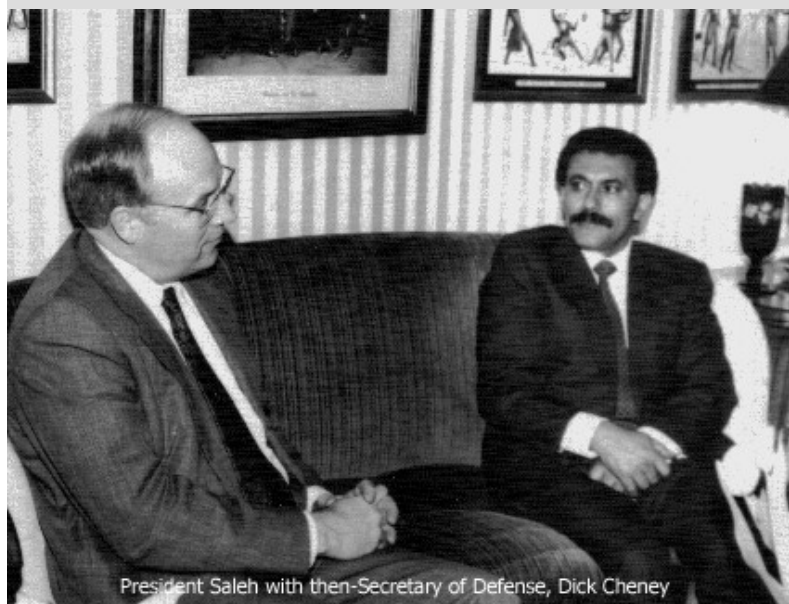


U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) greets Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (right). Madeleine Albright is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



*To Pres. Ali Abdullah Saleh,
With admiration and best wishes,
C.P.*

Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (left) greets U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. Colin Powell is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



President Saleh with then-Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney



President Saleh with then-Secretary of State, James Baker

Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh visits U.S. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney (left) and U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh (third from left) meets with U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (third from right), Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz (fourth from right), Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith (fifth from right), Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Peter W. Rodman (sixth from right, far end of table), and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers (right, foreground). Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Feith, Rodman, and Myers are (or were) members of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card (left) watches Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh greet National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. (Photo: <http://www.yemenembassy.org/issues/ymusrelshp/index.htm>)



America's Vice President Dick Cheney (left) and Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev meet in the president's residence on the Caspian Sea in Baku, Azerbaijan on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. The city of Baku is located near the famous Baku oil fields in the Caspian Sea. (Associated Press photo)



U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen (left) and Azerbaijan's President Heydar Aliyev sign an agreement in an undated photo. William S. Cohen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates is greeted by Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev at Zagulba in Baku, Azerbaijan.



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (right) and Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheik Hamad Bin Jaber Al Thani (left) chat with the Iraqi delegate members (unseen) on Friday, December 7, 2007, at the opening ceremony of the IISS conference in Manama, Bahrain. The conference, organized by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, welcomed delegates from Persian Gulf nations, major powers, the United States, Communist China, and Russia, and other countries, such as France, Britain and Australia. Gates is scheduled to address the conference Saturday in a speech titled "The U.S. and the Regional Balance of Power." (AP Photo)



Foreign Minister of Oman Yussef bin Alawi bin Abdullah (left) meets with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the State Department in Washington, D.C. on May 22, 2007. Oman and Iran are co-guardians of the strategic Strait of Hormuz entrance to the oil-rich Persian Gulf. (Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (L) walks past an honor cordon with Sayyid Badr bin Saud bin Harib al-Busaidi (R), Defense Minister in Oman, while arriving at Muscat International Airport in Muscat, Oman on December 5, 2010. (Getty Images)



U.S. Special Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke (L) speaks with United Arab Emirates' Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan during the Friends of Democratic Pakistan Ministerial and Senior Officials Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey on August 25, 2009. (Getty Images)



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shakes hands with United Arab Emirates Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on February 23, 2006. ([State Department Photo](#))



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (L) speaks with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohammad bin Zayed al-Nahayan during a meeting at the Crown Prince's villa in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on March 11, 2010. Gates arrived in Abu Dhabi as part of his tour of the Persian Gulf to garner support for Obama administration's desire to impose tougher United Nations sanctions on Iran in response to Iran's nuclear program. (Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (center) stands beside Bahrain's Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa (right) at the Sakhir Palace in Manama, Bahrain on January 12, 2008. (Reuters)



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates (center) walks with Bahrain's Minister of State for Defense Shaykh Muhammad bin Abdulla al-Khalifa (right) in Manama, Bahrain on December 13, 2008 as he prepares to depart Manama. Gates arrived from Kandahar, Afghanistan where he met with U.S. Army General David McKiernan, commander International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates presents a bronze eagle statue to Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, during a visit to Safryia Palace in Malkia, Bahrain on December 12, 2008. Gates was on a multi-day tour of the Middle East meeting with regional commanders and troops. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)